



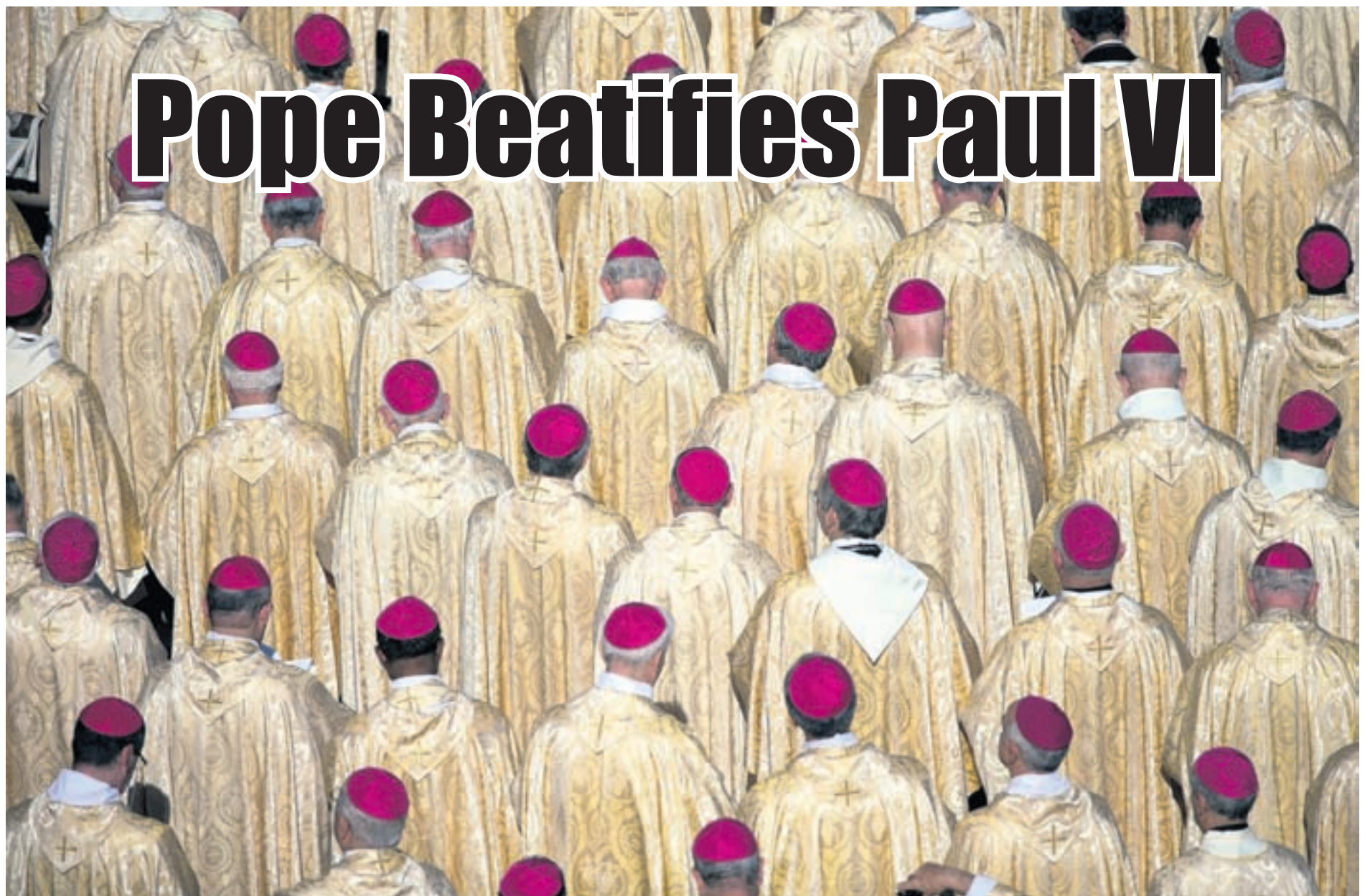
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Pope Beatifies Paul VI

Bishops attend the beatification ceremony of Pope Paul VI, and a mass for the closing of a two-week synod on family issues, celebrated by Pope Francis, in Saint Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014.

(AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

Holy Ceremony Marks Historic Synod's End

**NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press**

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis on Sunday beatified Pope Paul VI, concluding the remarkable meeting of bishops debating family issues that drew parallels to the tumultuous reforms of the Second Vatican Council which Paul oversaw and implemented.

Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI was on hand for the Mass, which took place just hours after Catholic bishops approved a document charting a more pastoral approach to ministering to Catholic families. They failed to reach consensus on the two most divisive issues at the synod: on welcoming gays and

divorced and civilly remarried couples. But the issues remain up for discussion ahead of another meeting of bishops next year. While the synod scrapped its ground-breaking welcome and showed deep divisions on hot-button issues, the fact that the questions are on the table is significant given that they

had been taboo until Francis' papacy. The Vatican said 70,000 people attended Sunday's Mass, held under sunny Roman skies, far fewer than the 800,000 people who attended the dual canonization earlier this year. Paul is often called the "forgotten" or "misunderstood" pope, caught between

the "good pope" John XXIII and the crowd-pleasing, globe-trotting John Paul. "God is not afraid of new things!" Francis exclaimed in his homily Sunday. "That is why he is continually surprising us, opening our hearts and guiding us in unexpected ways."

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He quoted Paul himself as saying the church, particularly the synod of bishops which Paul established, must survey the signs of the times to make sure the church adapts methods to respond to the "growing needs of our time and the changing conditions of society."

Paul was elected in 1963 to succeed the popular Pope John XXIII, and during his 15-year reign was responsible for implementing the reforms of Vatican II and charting the church through the tumultuous years of the 1960s sexual revolution.

Vatican II opened the way for Mass to be said in local languages instead of in Latin, called for greater involvement of the laity in the life of the church and revolutionized the church's relations with people of other faiths.

He is perhaps best known, though, for the divisive 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which enshrined the church's opposition to artificial contraception.

More than 50 years later, *Humanae Vitae* still elicits criticism for being unrealistic given the vast majority of Catholics ignore its teaching on birth control. In their final synod document, bishops restated doctrine, but they also said the church must respect couples in their moral eval-

uation of contraception methods.

The bishops also signaled a muted opening toward gays, saying they should be "welcomed with respect and sensitivity." That language was far less welcoming than initially pro-

"Not finding it in this paragraph, they might have chosen to indicate their disapproval of it. However, it has also been published, and the reflection will have to continue."

The beatification marked the third 20th century pope

steps of St. Peter's Basilica for Paul's outdoor beatification Mass in a potent symbol of the continuity of the church, despite differences in style and priorities that were so evident in the synod meetings this week. Paul was beatified, the first



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI is helped by his personal secretary Monsignor Georg Gaenswein as he arrives in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican to attend the beatification ceremony of Pope Paul VI, and a mass for the closing of a two-week synod on family issues, celebrated by Pope Francis, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014.

(AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

posed, and it failed to get the necessary two-thirds majority vote to pass.

"I have the impression many would have preferred a more open, positive language," Canadian Archbishop Paul-Andre Durocher wrote on his blog in explaining the apparent protest vote on the gay paragraph.

Francis has elevated this year: In April, he canonized Sts. John Paul II and John XXIII.

That historic event marked the first time a reigning and retired pope — Francis and Benedict — had celebrated Mass together in public in the 2,000-year history of the church.

Benedict returned to the

step toward possible sainthood, after the Vatican certified a miracle attributed to his intercession concerning a California boy whom doctors had said would be born with serious birth defects. The boy, whose identity has been kept secret at his parents' request, is now a healthy teen. □

Gonzalo deals glancing blow to Newfoundland

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Associated Press

ST. JOHN'S, Newfoundland

(AP) — Hurricane Gonzalo struck a glancing blow to Newfoundland before racing out into the North Atlantic Sunday after earlier battering Bermuda without causing any deaths or serious injuries.

Gonzalo passed southeastern Newfoundland early Sunday, dumping heavy rain but the fast-moving storm left little trace besides pounding surf.

The Canadian Hurricane Centre said about 1.9 inches (4.8 centimeters) of rain was recorded at St. John's International Airport on Sunday morning.

Meteorologist Chris Fogarty said the province "dodged a bullet." "It pretty much tracked exactly where we thought it would and the winds over land were quite gusty and very heavy rain-falls but ... things stayed quite quiet over land," Fogarty said from Halifax.

Fogarty said wave heights were continuing to increase Sunday morning on the southern coast of the Avalon Peninsula, reaching up to 39 feet (12 meters). He said low tide was expected to help ease any effects of the crashing surf. Sharon Topping, who lives in Trepassey on the Avalon's southeast coast, said there was no major damage or debris on the roads but the sea was churning. She said the waves were "phenomenal" at remote Cape Race on the southeast tip of Newfoundland where the distress signal from RMS Titanic was received on April 14, 1912.

"The ocean is furious," she said.

Onshore wind blasts up to almost 43.5 mph (70 kph) drove pouring rain sideways early Sunday at Cape Spear southeast of St. John's, but conditions weren't bad enough to keep more than 350 runners from competing in a 20-kilometer (12.4-mile) road race on a grueling hilly course. □

Storm passes dangerously close to Hawaiian island

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HONOLULU (AP) —

Hawaii residents watched, waited and hoped for the best as a hurricane lost force but churned dangerously close early Sunday, threatening to batter several islands with wind and rain.

Hurricane Ana has been spinning on a parallel path southwest of the island chain for several days, and officials have opened emergency shelters and cancelled flights in precau-

tions that come against the backdrop of a threat that hasn't materialized.

As Honolulu Mayor Kirk Caldwell warned those on Oahu not to let their guard down, people at Waikiki Beach jumped into the ocean to surf big waves generated as Ana passed. "Every time we have a hurricane," said 23-year-old, island resident Emile Meder, "we know it's going to be good."

West of Oahu, on the smaller island of Kauai — where Hurricane Iniki killed six peo-

ple and destroyed more than 1,400 homes in 1992 — the threat was considered more serious.

"Those of us that were here during that time remember, and so we are very cautious," Mary Daubert, a county spokeswoman, said Saturday. "Until she's passed us, we all have to remain vigilant."

The center of Hurricane Ana was about 120 miles (190 kilometers) south of Kauai and 125 miles (200 kilometers) southwest of Honolulu early Sunday, the

National Weather Service said. The hurricane packed sustained winds of 80 mph (130 kph), but the storm has lost some momentum, moving along at just 6 mph (9.6 kph), compared with 14 mph (23 kph) earlier.

Three emergency shelters were opened on Kauai as the National Weather Service issued a tropical storm warning for the island and said the eye was coming closer than first predicted. A tropical storm watch remained in effect on Oahu but has been lifted for Maui, Lanai and the Big Island. □



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At Press Time:

Police hunt for clues near where remains found



Police block the road leading to the scene of a death investigation in connection with the disappearance of University of Virginia student Hannah Graham in Albemarle County, Va., Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

BROCK VERGAKIS
Associated Press
CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia

(AP) — After finding remains that could be British-born University of Virginia student Hannah Graham, authorities interviewed nearby residents and picked through leaves on the side of a sparsely populated highway, searching for any clues or evidence. Forensic tests were needed to confirm whether the remains match the 18-year-

old Graham. They were discovered by a deputy Saturday in a heavily wooded area of Albemarle County that is home to horse farms about 12 miles (19 kilometers) from the University of Virginia campus. Graham disappeared Sept. 13 after a night out with friends.

Her parents were notified that the remains were found, Charlottesville Police Chief Timothy Longo said. It wasn't immediately clear Sunday how long it

would take for them to be identified. Investigators also wouldn't say if they had found anything else.

The last person seen with Graham, 32-year-old Jesse Leroy Matthew Jr., has been charged with abduction with intent to defile Graham. He is being held in the Albemarle-Charlottesville Regional Jail. A preliminary hearing is set for Dec. 4.

The remains were discovered roughly 6 miles (10 ki-

lometers) from where the body of 20-year-old Virginia Tech student Morgan Harrington was found three months after she vanished in 2009.

Police have said forensic evidence connects Matthew to Harrington's killing, which in turn is linked by DNA to a 2005 sexual assault in northern Virginia. Matthew hasn't been charged in those cases. Albemarle County Police Department spokesman Carter Johnson said Sunday no additional information regarding the investigation was available.

Graham met friends at a restaurant for dinner Sept. 12 before stopping by two off-campus parties. She left the second party alone and eventually texted a friend saying she was lost, authorities said.

In surveillance video, she can be seen walking unsteadily and even running at times, past a pub and a service station and then onto a seven-block strip of bars, restaurants and shops. On Sunday, the area was

buzzing with people having brunch at outdoor cafes on a brisk, sunny day. Graham's disappearance and the discovery of human remains was a frequent topic of conversation.

Many people said they hoped the identification of the remains brings closure to Graham's friends and family.

"Everybody was rattled. Everybody knew it was coming, but you still hope for the best. As much as you can prepare for it, you can never prepare for it," said Claire Meyers, a University of Virginia nursing student who has friends who knew Graham and Matthew.

Matthew was an operating room technician at the university's hospital, where Meyers works as a patient care assistant.

Albemarle County resident Bill Gnas, a retiree who lives a few miles from where the remains were found, said helicopters flew overhead Sunday morning and there had been a constant police presence in the area for 24 hours. □

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US to revise Ebola protocol, Pentagon readies team

WASHINGTON (AP) — Revised guidance for health care workers treating Ebola patients will include using protective gear "with no skin showing," a top federal health official said Sunday, and the Pentagon announced it was forming a team to assist medical staff in the U.S., if needed.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, head of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said those caring for an Ebola patient at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas were left vulnerable because some of their skin was exposed.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is working on revisions to safety protocols. Earlier ones, Fauci said,

were based on a World Health Organization model in which care was given in more remote places, often outdoors, and without intensive training for health workers. "So there were parts about that protocol that left vulnerability, parts of the skin that were open," Fauci said.

"Very clearly, when you go into a hospital, have to intubate somebody, have all of the body fluids, you've got to be completely covered. So that's going to be one of the things ... to be complete covering with no skin showing whatsoever," he said.

On Sunday, the Pentagon announced that Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel had ordered the forma-



Paige Victoria, 23, of Cleveland, left, and Jeff Hulbert, of Annapolis, Md., protest flights entering the United States from countries stricken with Ebola, outside of the White House in Washington.

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tion of a 30-person support team from across the services to assist civilian medical professionals in the U.S. if needed to treat Ebola. So far, three cases have been confirmed in the U.S.

The team was to be formed by Northern Command Commander, Gen. Chuck Jacoby, and was to consist of 20 critical care nurses, five doctors trained in infectious disease and five trainers in infectious disease protocols. Once formed, the team would undergo up to a week of specialized training in infection control and personal protective equipment at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, then remain in "prepare to deploy" status for 30 days.

The team would not be sent to West Africa or other overseas locations, and would "be called upon domestically only if deemed prudent by our public health professionals," Pentagon press secretary Rear Adm. John Kirby said in a

statement Sunday.

Ebola's incubation period is 21 days, and Fauci noted that mark was being reached Sunday for Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital workers who first treated Thomas Eric Duncan, the Liberian man who later died of the disease.

"The ones now today that are going to be 'off the hook' are the ones that saw him initially in the emergency room," Fauci said. Duncan was seen at the hospital on Sept. 26 and sent home with antibiotics. He returned by ambulance on Sept. 28, was admitted and died of Ebola on Oct. 8.

Judge Clay Jenkins, the chief executive in Dallas County, said that the protective order that has kept Duncan's family isolated expires Sunday at midnight. "That's going to be a good thing for those families. They've been through so much, and we're very happy about that," Jenkins said.

Indiana police detain man in deaths of four

HAMMOND, Indiana (AP)

— An Indiana man confessed to killing a woman whose body was found in a motel and told police where the bodies of three more women could be found, police said Sunday. Police found the bodies of three women at different locations in Gary, Indiana, late Saturday and early Sunday, following up on information the 43-year-old man provided during questioning, Hammond police Lt. Rich Hoyda said. The Lake County coroner's office on Sunday identified the victim found in Hammond as 19-year-old Afrika Hardy and ruled she had been strangled. The coroner's office said it had not determined the causes of deaths or the identities of the other three women.

Police discovered Hardy's body about 9:30 p.m. Friday at a Motel 6.

"A friend of the deceased called us and she was concerned when she didn't respond to her calling," Hoyda said. "We were sent there and found that person dead."

Police investigating her death obtained a search warrant for a home and vehicle in Gary. Police conducted the search late Saturday afternoon and took the man into custody.

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Students clean up after pumpkin fest mayhem

HOLLY RAMER

Associated Press

CONCORD, New Hampshire (AP) — Keene State

for the largest number of carved and lighted jack-o-lanterns in one place. The violence prompted police

'I feel unsafe, I'm going home.' They didn't want to be part of the riot, and they couldn't do anything

year," she said. "We're not going to let this happen again."

Keene police did not have a final count of arrests Sunday, but the department's police log shows officers responded to 235 calls between 2:30 a.m. Friday and 3:30 a.m. Sunday and made at least 49 arrests. Not all were part of the disturbances, but at least 14 on Saturday and early Sunday appeared related to the unruly behavior. Most involved disorderly conduct or alcohol-related offenses.

WMUR-TV in Manchester showed video of a crowd overturning a car, people running from tear gas clouds, street signs being torn down and fires burning in the streets. Police also investigated reports of people throwing glass bottles and fireworks, jumping off a roof and banging on cars.

One group of young people threatened to beat up an elderly man, and another resident heard someone "threatening to kill officers," according to the police log. About 20 injured people were taken to hospitals, Keene Fire Chief Mark Howard told New England Cable News.

Student Body President Bobby Graham said he was disgusted by the destruction he saw, and said he believes most of the perpetrators were not Keene State students. □



People stand atop an overturned car in Keene, N.H. on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014, during a night of violent parties that led to destruction, dozens of arrests and multiple injuries, near the city's annual pumpkin festival. The parties around the school coincided with the annual Keene Pumpkin Festival, where the community tries to set a world record of the largest number of carved and lighted jack-o-lanterns in one place.

(AP Photo/The Boston Globe, Jeremy Fox)

College students quickly cleaned up from a chaotic weekend Sunday after violent parties near the city's annual pumpkin festival led to destruction, dozens of arrests and multiple injuries. The parties around the school coincided with the annual Keene Pumpkin Festival, where the community tries to set a world record

in riot gear to use tear gas as they tried to control the crowds.


Mallory Pearce, a sophomore and vice president of the student body, said she saw a car flipped over in a parking lot, another car being destroyed and people being pepper-sprayed.

"It got way out of hand. Everyone I talked to said,

to solve it," she said. "I honestly did not feel safe."

While Pearce was extremely disappointed in the violence, she said her faith was restored when about 200 volunteers showed up Sunday morning to clean up.

"We all recognize that we made a mistake and we're going to do better next



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Up In Maine:

Outspoken Governor tries to squeak by in 3-way race

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WATERVILLE, Maine - In a state with a long tradition of electing moderates and independents, Gov. Paul R. LePage, a fierce partisan, is definitely a departure. With Tea Party backing, he burst onto the scene in 2010 breathing anti-welfare fire, bludgeoning Democrats and bristling with unapologetic comments that bordered on the profane. A former millworker with a back story out of Dickens - the oldest of 18 children of an abusive, alcoholic father, he ran away from home at 11 - LePage, 66, has earned his share of admirers.

A majority of voters, however, did not want him as governor in the first place. Yet he could win another term in November - again without a majority.

In 2010, LePage, a Republican, squeaked into office with 38 percent of the vote against two major candidates. Now, after four tur-

bulent years, polls show him at about that same level as he again faces two challengers who have divided the forces against him. But his task this year appears harder.

His Democratic opponent, Rep. Michael H. Michaud,

59, a six-term congressman and former president of the state Senate, is much better positioned than the Democratic nominee in 2010.

Michaud (whose name has been pronounced as both MeSHOW and MeSHOO;

at 38 percent.

Working in LePage's favor again this year is the presence of a third candidate, Eliot Cutler, an independent. Cutler, 68, a wealthy lawyer and businessman, ran against LePage in 2010 and nearly beat him, with

debates held so far. An animated LePage, something of a ham on stage, has nodded and smiled at many of Cutler's comments while shaking his head in exasperation at many of Michaud's. LePage and Cutler have even exchanged high-fives, prompting Democrats to call their unlikely relationship a "bromance." The crosscurrents can be confusing to voters.

Nate Blair, 28, a hotel manager here, said he was "leaning" toward Michaud but wanted "to hear what Cutler has to say." He will not vote for LePage ("He makes Maine look uneducated") but worries that a vote for Cutler is a vote for LePage.

Some analysts say fostering such confusion is LePage's goal.

"There's an attempt to create a certain degree of chaos so that anti-LePage voters who haven't gone to Cutler yet will say that Michaud can't win and will move to Cutler," said Amy Fried, a political scientist at the University of Maine.

A crafty LePage played into this dynamic last week at a debate in Augusta. Given a chance to question his opponents, LePage had Cutler acknowledge that Democratic leaders had asked him to be their candidate before they went to Michaud.

Edward J. Suslovic, a Portland city councilman who backs Cutler, said he was getting pressure from fellow Democrats to switch to Michaud.

"But privately, they acknowledge that Eliot is smarter and he has a more developed plan to get Maine out of the economic doldrums," Suslovic said.



Gov. Paul LePage of Maine, who is seeking a second term, speaks to a group of students following the first debate with his two opponents. In a state with a long tradition of electing moderates and independents, LePage, a fiercely partisan Republican, is definitely a departure.

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he has no preference) enjoys the support of national Democrats, unions and environmentalists. (President Barack Obama, still more popular than unpopular among Democrats here, is stumping for him this month.) Michaud is a former millworker as well, but unlike the governor, he did not attend college. If elected, he would become the country's first governor who is openly gay.

Michaud and LePage are in a tight race, according to a University of New Hampshire poll conducted last month for The Portland Press Herald, with Michaud at 40 percent and LePage

36 percent of the vote. This time, Cutler trails in third place - partly because of Democratic resolve to unite behind Michaud - but he still diffuses the anti-LePage vote.

The higher Cutler climbs in the polls, analysts say, the more likely he is to siphon votes from Michaud and hand the election to LePage. If Cutler were not in the race, the University of New Hampshire poll showed, Michaud would lead LePage 50 percent to 44 percent.

In other words, LePage needs Cutler. This dynamic is shaping the race and has been evident at the three



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US Financial Front:

Market turmoil: A gift for mortgage refinancers?



Photo shows real estate signs mounted on homes in Philadelphia. A sudden plunge in mortgage rates this week raised an urgent question for millions of Americans: Should I refinance my mortgage? Across the country, homeowners and would-be homeowners eager for a bargain rate fired off inquiries to lenders. The opportunity emerged from the turbulence that seized financial markets and sent stock prices and bond yields tumbling. (AP Photo/Matt Rourke)

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A sudden plunge in mortgage rates this week raised an urgent question for millions of Americans: Should I refinance my mortgage? Across the country, homeowners and would-be homeowners eager for a bargain rate fired off inquiries to lenders. The opportunity emerged from the tumult that seized financial markets and sent stock prices and bond yields tumbling. Rates on long-term mortgages tend to track the 10-year Treasury yield, which fell below 2 percent for the first time since May 2013. Accordingly, the average

rate for a 30-year fixed mortgage, mortgage giant Freddie Mac reported, dipped below 4 percent to 3.97 percent — a tantalizing figure. As recently as January, the average was 4.53 percent. Ultra-low rates do carry risks as well as opportunities. Charges and fees can shortchange refinancers who are focused only on the potential savings. And falling rates are often associated with the broader risk of an economic slowdown that could eventually reduce the income that some people have to pay their mortgages. Yet the tempting possibility of locking in a sub-4 percent rate has a way of motivating people.

"It gets people excited," said Michelle Meyer, an economist at Bank of America. "It gets mortgage bankers excited. It gets prospective buyers excited." The drop in rates could finally give homeowners like Issi and Amy Romem of Mountain View, California, the chance to refinance. Amy Romem bought the condo at the peak of the housing boom for \$400,000, using an adjustable-rate loan with an initial 5.875 percent rate that would reset after 10 years. The reset would amount to an extra \$400 a month on the condo, which the couple now rents, Issi Romem said. "Seeing rates go down even more is something I

wasn't expecting," he said. "It reminds me that I need to do this now, before interest rates do go up." Before this week, many bankers, lenders and borrowers had assumed that home loan rates would soon start rising closer to a two-decade average of 6 percent. That was based on expectations that the Federal Reserve would start raising its key short-term rate next year — a move that would likely lead to higher mortgage rates, too. But that assumption fell suddenly into doubt as stocks plunged Monday and Wednesday amid fears about global economic weaknesses, the spread of Ebola and the threat of the

Islamic State militia group in the Middle East. Seeking safety, investors poured money into U.S. Treasuries. Higher demand drives up prices for those government bonds and causes their yields to drop. The yield on the 10-year note traded as low as 1.91 percent Wednesday before ending the day at 2.14 percent. A stock market rally on Friday helped lift the yield to 2.20 percent. That suggested that the moment to refinance might be fleeting. "It's likely to be the last time we see these rates for a generation, if ever again," said Jonathan Smoke, chief economist at Realtor.com. □







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American Living:

Despite slumping prices, no end in sight for oil boom

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HOUSTON - Falling oil and gasoline prices have sent oil company stocks tumbling, but oil experts say the boom in American energy

output to support prices, as well as cause economic pain to big producers like Russia, Venezuela and Iran. Current production levels can be sustained in the shale fields in 2015 even if

tion of 8.7 million barrels a day, the highest in nearly a quarter-century, is more than 1 million barrels a day higher than it was only a year ago. Most companies make their investment de-

of each new well month after month in recent years. The United States has banned most oil exports for four decades, but the expanded production has slashed imports from many

barrel oil to break even. Lower oil prices mean lower prices at the pump for American consumers. The average national price for a gallon of regular gasoline on Friday was \$3.14, 10 cents lower than it was a week ago and 22 cents lower than a year ago, according to the AAA motor club. That is the lowest price in more than three years.

Roughly a third of the nation's gas stations are selling gasoline for less than \$3 a gallon. The average American family saves about \$120 a year for every dime drop in the gasoline price, experts say.

Many oil experts say that Saudi Arabia and several other OPEC countries that have shaved their prices in recent days are trying to drive down global production, and particularly U.S. and Canadian production, to protect their market share. But with a growing population and struggling to tamp down potential domestic unrest, Saudi Arabia carries a rising social service budget that is financed almost entirely by oil money. Over the long term, it may need to stretch its production as much as or more than the United States. "For the government to balance budgets on an ongoing basis, higher oil prices are inevitably required," Badr H. Jafar, president of Crescent Petroleum, a United Arab Emirates-based oil and gas company, said in an email exchange. "Otherwise, if oil prices continue to fall, maximizing production may be an imperative to securing required higher revenues and that in turn might have a catastrophic effect with the creation of a major glut."□



Pump jacks extract oil in Williston, N.D., where wells have proliferated, in May, 2014. Falling oil and gasoline prices have sent oil company stocks tumbling, but experts say the boom in American energy production shows no signs of slowing down.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

production shows no signs of slowing down, keeping the market flush with crude and gasoline prices low. Even after a drop of as much as 25 percent in oil prices since early summer, several government and private reports say it would take a drop of \$10 to \$20 a barrel more - to as low as \$60 a barrel - to slow production even modestly. On the downside, taxes and royalties on oil will decline, potentially cutting into the finances of oil-producing states like Texas, Alaska, Oklahoma and North Dakota. And it will continue to put pressure on the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries to cut

the Brent global oil benchmark, which fell to just under \$84 a barrel at one point this week, dropped to as low as \$60 to \$65, according to Rystad Energy, an international oil and gas consultancy based in Norway. "Oil output will respond very slowly to a drop in oil prices," Bjornar Tonhaugen, vice president for oil and gas markets at Rystad Energy, wrote in a report released this week. "Markets may even be oversupplied next year more than previously thought." Slowing American oil production is like slowing a freight train moving at high speed. The current produc-

tions well in advance and need months to slow exploration because of contracts with service companies. And if they do decide to cut back some drilling, they will pick the least prospective fields first as they continue developing the richest prospects. The Energy Department this week reported that only 4 percent of shale production in North Dakota, Texas and other states needed an oil price above \$80 a barrel for producers to break even on investments. One reason is that improved efficiencies in hydraulic fracturing and other modern production techniques have increased the output

OPEC countries, forcing them to drop their prices in Asia. The United States is also expanding its exports of refined products like gasoline and diesel, which are allowed, and that is cutting into production from other countries. The Paris-based International Energy Agency, which accumulates and analyzes data for the industrialized nations, this week identified deep water offshore production, the Canadian oil sands and some of the U.S. oil shale fields as the most susceptible to cuts in investment and production when oil prices fall. But only about 8 percent of these types of production require \$80 a



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Ukraine says Russia has agreed to supply gas

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — The Ukrainian president has said his country has reached an agreement with Russia on supplies of natural gas for the winter.

When Russia cut off gas supplies to Ukraine in June over unpaid bills, it raised the risk that Ukraine would be left without heating during the coldest months of the year. It also raised fears that Russia could cut off flows to Europe if Ukraine began siphoning off gas from the pipelines crossing its territory, as has happened during past gas disputes.

President Petro Poroshenko said in a television inter-



Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko, right, talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, left, as French President Francois Hollande listens during a meeting in Milan, Italy. The Ukrainian president has said his country has reached an agreement with Russia on supplies of natural gas for the winter.

(AP Photo/Luca Bruno)

view late Saturday that Russia has agreed to supply Ukraine with gas through March 31 at a price of \$385 per 1,000 cubic meters.

"I can say that Ukraine will have gas, Ukraine will have heating," he said.

Poroshenko said he expected the deal to be signed during the next round of European Union-mediated gas talks, to be held Tuesday in Brussels.

Following Europe-brokered talks in Italy on Friday, Poroshenko and Russian President Vladimir Putin reported progress on both a definitive peace settlement in eastern Ukraine and on settling the gas dispute.

Alexei Miller, the CEO of the Russian state gas company Gazprom, said the leaders agreed that Ukraine would pay back \$3.1 billion by the end of the year. It was not clear, however, where Ukraine would get the money.

Poroshenko said in the interview that his government was still figuring out how to cover the debts of Ukrainian state gas company Naftogaz, but that it has several possible options, including financing from the International Monetary Fund. The deal Poroshenko described appears to be only a short-term solution, however. □

Sweden: 3 credible sightings in submarine search

HELSINKI (AP) — The Swedish military said Sunday it had made three credible sightings of foreign under-sea activity in its waters during the past few days amid reports of a suspected Russian intrusion in the area.

Rear Adm. Anders Grenstad said the armed forces had observed the activity in the Stockholm archipelago and nearby coastal area, but declined to give details of an operation reminiscent of the Cold War, when Sweden's armed forces routinely hunted for Soviet submarines in its waters.

The armed forces published a photograph taken on Sunday by a passerby showing a partially submerged object in the water from a distance, but it was unclear what kind of vessel was in question.

Grenstad told reporters that he wouldn't speculate on the photograph or sightings except to say the region is "of interest to a foreign power."

The military said the intelligence operation, involving a few hundred people, began Friday. It was sparked by information "from a credible source."

Grenstad said it had no information about any emergency messages suggesting a Russian mini-submarine had run into trouble in Swedish waters and could be damaged, as reported by the Svenska Dagbladet daily.

The Defense Ministry in Moscow said its submarines and ships have been "fulfilling their tasks in the world's oceans," according to plan, Russian news agencies reported.

"There have been no emergencies or accidents with Russian military vessels," an unnamed spokesman at the ministry was quoted as saying.

Anders Nordin from the Swedish Maritime Administration said a Russian-owned oil tanker, Concord, which had reportedly been circling near Swed-

ish waters for days, started sailing in a northeasterly direction toward Russia on Sunday morning. But it suddenly turned around and headed back in the direction of Sweden, according to Marine Traffic, a website which monitors vessels in the Baltic Sea.

Media reports said the

movements of the Liberian-flagged tanker might be connected to the submarine search.

In 1981, a Soviet sub carrying nuclear weapons was stranded off Sweden's southeastern coast, causing an 11-day diplomatic standoff before Swedish authorities allowed the sub-

marine to return home.

Swedish officials wouldn't speculate on what foreign power could be behind the suspected intrusion Friday. Last month, the Foreign Ministry summoned the Russian ambassador to protest a violation of Swedish airspace by two Russian military aircraft. □

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Retaking of streets in Hong Kong sparks new clashes

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HONG KONG - The police clashed with hundreds of pro-democracy protesters in the densely populated Mong Kok neighborhood early Sunday in the second straight day of violence after demonstrators recaptured blocks of city streets from the police.

More than 100 police officers - many with shields, batons and helmets - faced off against an even greater number of demonstrators and their supporters on Nathan Road, one of Hong Kong's busiest shopping streets. The police turned a stretch of the southbound lanes of the thoroughfare into a parking lot for their vans and buses.

Officers advanced on the barricades just after midnight. At least three people were hurt, the police said in a statement, which also said that a police of-

ficer suffered a shoulder injury. Members of a first-aid station set up by protesters said several protesters were hurt.

The clashes erupted after demonstrators, who had been staging a sit-in in the area around the intersection for almost three weeks,

were largely cleared out early Friday in a swift police operation. That backfired that evening and early Saturday, when thousands

of demonstrators outnumbered the police, leading the officers to withdraw after clashes that police say injured 15 officers and 26 protesters. The Mong Kok neighborhood is one of three in Hong Kong that for the past three weeks has been the site of demonstrations by people demanding democratic elections to choose Hong Kong's top leader, the chief executive.

The clash Sunday morning followed an announcement Saturday by Hong Kong's government that it would hold talks with student protest leaders Tuesday, the start of a formal dialogue that could ease tensions.

Separately, in his first public comment since the start of the protests, Hong Kong's police commissioner, Andy Tsang, condemned "radical" protesters for charging the police line and said they had broken the law by gathering in Mong Kok on Friday.

"I have a message from the bottom of my heart: These illegal acts are hurting Hong Kong, hurting our society," he told reporters on Saturday. He did not answer questions.

Hong Kong returned to Chinese sovereignty in 1997 after more than 150 years of British rule. As part of the transfer agreement, the territory was to be allowed to run its own domestic affairs for half a century. Hong Kong residents enjoy freedom of speech, assembly and religion, enforced by an independent judiciary.

But Beijing has final say over any changes to Hong Kong's mini-constitution. □



Riot police advance on a pro-democracy protest encampment in the Mong Kok district of Hong Kong early Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014. Hong Kong riot police battled with thousands of pro-democracy protesters for control of the city's streets Saturday, using pepper spray and batons to hold back defiant activists who returned to a protest zone that officers had partially cleared.

(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

Gunfire exchanged on Korean boundary

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SEOUL, South Korea - South and North Korean troops exchanged gunfire across their tense border Sunday, even as the South reaffirmed its desire to hold high-level talks with the North.

Ten North Korean soldiers approached the military demarcation line near Paju, north of Seoul, several times Sunday, prompting South Korean border guards to broadcast warnings for them not to come any farther south, said a South Korean military spokesman, who spoke on

the customary condition of anonymity.

The last time the North Korean troops approached the line, at around 5:40 p.m. Sunday, South Korean troops fired warning shots, and that prompted a brief exchange of fire between guard posts on the two sides, the spokesman said. No casualties were reported.

The military demarcation line lies within the 2-mile-wide demilitarized zone that bisects the Korean Peninsula.

The shooting incident came nine days after the two armies exchanged

machine-gun fire across the border after the North tried to shoot down large balloons carrying anti-North Korean propaganda leaflets that South Korean activists had released.

Last Wednesday, top generals from South and North Korea met on their border but failed to narrow differences over the balloons and other disputes that have kept both sides from improving relations. The North also accused President Park Geun-hye of South Korea of committing an "unpardonable politically motivated provocation" after she urged

the North to abandon its nuclear weapons program and improve human rights during a summit meeting of Asian and European leaders last week.

Still, Ju Chul-ki, Park's senior secretary for foreign affairs, told reporters Sunday that the South hoped to hold high-level talks with the North as scheduled.

Early this month, the two Koreas agreed to resume talks late this month or in early November. But the recent shooting incidents and the North's harsh words against the South have cast doubt on that agreement. □

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Iran vows to aid Lebanese military against "terrorists"



Lebanese Defense Minister Samir Moqbel, left, shakes hands with Iran's President Hassan Rouhani at his office in Tehran, Iran, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014. Moqbel also met other Iranian officials including Ali Shamkhani, Secretary of the Supreme National Security Council.

(AP Photo/Ebrahim Noroozi)

AMIR VAHDAT
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran said Sunday it is ready to provide aid to the Lebanese army as well as the Shiite Hezbollah group to help combat "terrorists." The promise of aid comes after Iran's regional rival Saudi Arabia pledged bil-

lions of dollars to Lebanon's armed forces, and will be seen by many Lebanese as part of a competition for influence over the tiny country, which is gripped by sectarian tensions and bitterly divided over the Syrian civil war.

Ali Shamkhani, secretary of Iran's Supreme National

Security Council, was quoted by state TV as saying that "supporting the Lebanese nation, army and resistance will still remain on Iran's agenda." Hezbollah's allies refer to it as the "resistance" because of its stated mission of driving Israel out of occupied territory.

"Iran is ready to transfer its experience in order to improve security in Lebanon and the region, and to combat terrorists," he said during a meeting with visiting Lebanese Defense Minister Samir Moqbel. Moqbel also met with Iranian President Hassan Rouhani.

Iran is a main backer of Hezbollah, which is widely seen as being more powerful than the Lebanese army.

Iranian Defense Minister Brig. Gen. Hossein Dehqan has said Tehran is ready to provide modern military equipment and strategic assistance to the Lebanese army to help it combat Sunni extremists.

During a meeting with Moqbel on Saturday, Dehqan said such aid would have the aim of "consolidating national authority and reinforcing security in Lebanon." □

Egypt, Sudan to coordinate on Libya

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi said Sunday his country will work with Sudan to support Libya's military against Islamic militants in a bid to restore stability to the two countries' war-torn neighbor.

El-Sissi's remarks came at the end of a two-day visit by Sudan's President Omar al-Bashir.

The chaos in Libya is a top foreign policy concern for Egypt, which has seen cross-border attacks by Islamic militants. Libya's new government has accused Sudan of arming "terrorist groups" in Libya, a charge Khartoum denies.

El-Sissi said Sudan and

Egypt agreed to coordinate efforts to achieve stability in Libya through supporting state institutions, primarily the military. Al-Bashir said his country "sees eye to eye" with Egypt on bilateral and regional issues. The two leaders said they want to move past recent strains in relations over divergent views over shared water resources and borders.

A dam constructed by Ethiopia threatens to reduce Egypt's share of the Nile, challenging a colonial-era agreement that has given most of the water to Egypt and Sudan. Sudan is not against the dam, while Egypt has been lobbying

to reduce the impact of the project on its share of the river.

Egypt and Sudan have a border dispute that also dates back to colonial times. Ahead of his visit, al-Bashir raised the issue of the "Halayeb Triangle" along the Egypt-Sudan border with reporters, saying his country won't go to war over it but seeks to resolve the dispute.

"I assert now, after this second meeting with my brother president el-Sissi, there is a strong political will for the bilateral relations to move forward," al-Bashir said Sunday.

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Conservatives gaining force in Brazil Congress

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RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — With its Carnival reputation and skin-baring beach life, Brazil may look like a liberal bastion. But unease over a worsening economy and deteriorating public safety, plus a backlash against recent gay-rights gains, are propelling a conservative rise that will shape the next administration, regardless of who wins the presidency. The general election held earlier this month saw a greater share of Brazil's National Congress seats go to various conservative caucuses, which now control nearly 60 percent of the 513 seats in the lower house. They include evangelical lawmakers who oppose gay marriage or

access to abortion; the "ruralistas" whose pro-agriculture positions counter environmentalists and indigenous groups; and a law-and-order faction that demands a crackdown on crime. Ahead of the presidential runoff Oct. 26, there's no doubt such conservatives are giving greater support to center-right challenger Aécio Neves over left-leaning President Dilma Rousseff. But it's also clear that neither presidential candidate is as socially conservative as the increasingly powerful elements of Congress. "Brazil is one of the very few Latin American countries where the parliament is more important than the president in terms of overall power in the decision-making

process," said Thiago de Aragão, a political analyst for the Brasília-based Arko Advice consulting firm. "The parliament, in

that are of strong interest to the government." Despite its anything-goes appearance, Brazil is, like many predominantly Ro-

loosening their restrictive abortion laws or legalizing marijuana and just over half oppose gay marriage. However, since Brazil's return to democracy in 1985, the nation's presidents and its judiciary have pushed through progressive projects either by decree or rulings — such as protecting huge swaths of jungle as indigenous reserves, a high-court ruling permitting same-sex civil unions, and the creation of Bolsa Família, a program that gives monthly cash payments to Brazil's poorest families. Some predict such changes could be rolled back by the growing conservative forces.

The evangelical caucus votes in lockstep on hot-button social issues and is willing to block projects put forth by the presidency because its members know they represent a growing segment of the electorate. □



Members of the God's Assembly, Restoration Ministry Church react to the words of Pentecostal preacher Dione dos Santos in the Coreia shantytown, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Oct. 6 general election saw a greater share of Brazil's National Congress seats go to various conservative caucuses, who now control nearly 60 percent of the 513 seats in the lower house.

(AP Photo/Leo Correa)

an arm-wrestling contest against the presidency, would win ... because the parliament's main weapon is just crossing their arms and not voting on matters

man Catholic nations in Latin America, socially conservative. In recent opinion polls, for example, more than 80 percent of Brazilians said they oppose

Castro:

Cuba would cooperate with US on Ebola

ANNE MARIE GARCIA

HAVANA (AP) — Cuba stands ready to cooperate with the United States in the battle against Ebola, former leader Fidel Castro said in an article published Saturday. Cuba is sending about 460 doctors and nurses to West Africa to help fight Ebola, an effort that was praised on Friday by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry. The U.S. is sending hundreds of soldiers to set up clinics and train health care workers and it also has sent officials from the Centers for Disease Control to help in training. "With pleasure we will cooperate with U.S. personnel in that task," the 88-year-old ex-leader wrote in the

Communist Party daily Granma. He said it would not be to seek peace between two countries long at odds, but "for the peace of the world." Castro did not say what form cooperation might take. He also noted that Havana plays host on Monday to a meeting of leaders from the ALBA alliance of leftist Latin American nations that is meant to raise more support for the fight against Ebola. He said such medical cooperation is "the greatest example of solidarity that a human being can offer." Jorge Perez, the head of Cuba's top tropical medicine institute, told The Associated Press on Friday

that Cuba is ready to send still more doctors if there is enough funding and infrastructure to support them. "There are countries that have resources and can send money, but there are also those who can send human resources. It's not just doctors. We also need nurses, technicians," he said. In Washington on Friday, Kerry mentioned Cuba as one of the "nations large and small stepping up in impressive ways to make a contribution on the front lines." Perez said that despite the United States' chilly 55-year relationship with Cuba's communist government, Kerry's words were "an important gesture." □

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and interpreted traditional island dishes in a manner to surprise and please the most finicky critic." Urvin and his team are all graduates of Aruba's highly-respected EPI Culinary Institute. He continued his studies at the ROC Gild-evaart College, Nieuwegein, then apprenticed at the Brasserie Goeie Luisa, advancing to become their Chef de Partie. Urvin



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further developed his culinary skills during five years at the famed Michelin 5* rated Grand Restaurant Karel V, perfectly his art before returning to Aruba to open his own eatery. Second in command, Sous Chef Ludovico Henriquez, and the Kitchen Table staff, consisting of Claude Werleman, Moises Ramirez and Jefferson Ramirez, are equally passionate about the concept of food as art. Watching them create the spectacular dishes in the elegant but cozy surroundings is a great part of the evening's entertainment.

delicate art of enhancing the flavors of both the wine and food with an ideal match is as infectious as his ready smile and congenial charm. He spent ten years in the kitchens of the Royal Caribbean cruise lines, where as a novice to the food service industry he discovered their wine cellars. His passion for the art won him first place among over 1500 employees dur-

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NFL Week 7:

Colts Shut Out Bengals; Seahawks Sink

Indianapolis Colts running back Ahmad Bradshaw (44) is tackled by Cincinnati Bengals outside linebacker Vincent Rey (57) during the first half of an NFL football game Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, in Indianapolis. The Colts went on to beat the Bengals 27-0.

(AP Photo/Michael Conroy)

The Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Andrew Luck threw two touchdown passes and the Colts' defense dominated Cincinnati. Luck was 27 of 42 for

344 yards as Indianapolis (5-2) won its fifth straight. It was Indy's first shutout since December 2008. Cincinnati (3-2-1), which hasn't won since starting

3-0, endured its first shutout since December 2009 and had a franchise record tying 11 punts Sunday. Andy Dalton was 18 of 38 for 126 yards. Indy churned out

506 yards, struck early and pulled away late. Bradshaw's 1-yard TD run made it 10-0 in the second quarter and Luck threw two second-half TD passes to make

it 24-0. Colts linebacker Erik Walden was ejected in the first half for making contact with umpire Bruce Stritesky.

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Ilonen Beats Stenson in World Match Play Final

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College Roundup:

No. 2 Florida State hold out No. 5 Irish 31-27

TALLAHASSEE, Florida (AP)

— Jameis Winston threw for 273 yards and two touchdowns as No. 2 Florida State held off No. 5 Notre Dame 31-27 on Saturday after an offensive pass-interference penalty wiped out the Irish's apparent go-ahead touchdown pass with 13 second left.

Notre Dame moved to the 2 yard line, and C.J. Prosise locked up Florida State safety Jalen Ramsey in the end zone, helping Corey Robinson get free for the pass from Everett Golson.

The defending national champion Seminoles (7-0) used a second-half comeback with the season on the line to topple the Fighting Irish.

Notre Dame (6-1) is the last ranked team on Florida State's schedule and the win might be the Semi-



Notre Dame lineman Jarron Jones, right, chases Florida State quarterback Jameis Winston during the second half of an NCAA college football game in Tallahassee, Fla., Saturday, Oct. 18, 2014. Florida State defeated Notre Dame 31-27.

(AP Photo/Mark Wallheiser)

noles' last chance to make a decisive impression on the College Football Playoff selection committee.

Golson threw for 313 yards and three touchdowns. At Oxford, Mississippi, Bo Wallace

threw two touchdown passes and No. 3 Mississippi had another dominating defensive performance in

a 34-3 victory over Tennessee.

Ole Miss fell behind 3-0 early in the second quarter, but scored the next 34 points to continue their best start since 1962.

Clint Trickett threw three touchdown passes as West Virginia surprised sloppy No. 4 Baylor for a 41-27 win. The Mountaineers earned their first win over a top-five opponent since beating No. 3 Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl after the 2007 season.

No. 7 Alabama trounced No. 21 Texas 59-0 after Blake Sims passed for 268 yards and three touchdowns and scored on a 43-yard run, while Connor Cook threw three touchdown passes and Jeremy Langford ran for three more scores as No. 8 Michigan State downed Indiana 56-17. □



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Ilonen beats Stenson in World Match Play final



Mikko Ilonen of Finland holds up the World Match Play Championship trophy as he poses for photographers after defeating Henrik Stenson of Sweden in the final at the London Golf Club in Ash, England Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014. Ilonen won on the 17th hole 2 and 1 to play.

(AP Photo/Alastair Grant)

BERNIE MCGUIRE
Associated Press

ASH, England (AP) — Mikko Ilonen defeated top-seeded Henrik Stenson 3 and 1 in the final Sunday to win the World Match Play

Championship.

Ilonen fought back from being 1 down after four holes against the fifth-ranked Swede on the London Club course at Ash in Kent. It was the 34-year-old

After playoff:

Baek takes LPGA South Korea

INCHEON, South Korea (AP) — Kyu Jung Baek of South Korea won a three-way playoff Sunday to claim the LPGA's KEB-HanaBank Championship.

Baek, making the first LPGA start of her career, shot a final-round 67 to finish tied at 10-under 278 with Brittany Lincicome of the United States and compatriot In Gee Chun, then birdied the first playoff hole on the Ocean Course at the Sky72 Golf Club to take the title. In the playoff,

Lincicome and Baek hit third shots to four feet on the par-5 18th. Lincicome missed her birdie putt while Baek calmly made hers for the win.

Chun's hopes for the title were dashed when her approach shot went into the greenside water.

"Even before the playoff, I

was in a similar situation for a similar shot with a similar break. When I played the KLPGA Championship," Baek said. "I focused and was aggressive."

The 19-year old Baek has three victories this year on the Korean tour.

She became the fourth teenager to win on the LPGA Tour this season joining Lexi Thompson, Lydia Ko and Hyo Joo Kim.

Baek started the day with a share of the lead but fell back after playing the first 10 holes even-par. She rattled off five-consecutive birdies on Nos.

11-15 to get her back in the share of the lead.

"So going into the final nine, my goal was to come into the top 5 and so I really concentrated on every hole and I started making birdies," said Baek. □

Finn's fifth European Tour victory and his second this season after winning the Irish Open.

Earlier Sunday, Ilonen ended Joost Luiten's unbeaten run by beating the Dutchman 2 and 1 in the semifinals, while Stenson won 1 up at the last hole against George Coetzee of South

Africa.

"While I didn't play so well this morning, I didn't make any mistakes this afternoon against Henrik," said Ilonen. "(I) felt like I had a good chance to beat him and I did."

Three years ago Ilonen's career was in chaos, having sustained an ankle inju-

ry that required surgery and kept him out of the second half of the 2011 season.

However, after falling to 334th in the world rankings early in 2012, Ilonen has continued to improve. He finished 23rd on the money list last year.

Stenson seized the early initiative. □

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Keselowski keeps title hopes alive at Talladega

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer

TALLADEGA, Alabama (AP)

— Brad Keselowski pulled away in overtime Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway to earn an automatic berth into the third round of NASCAR's championship race.

Needing to win to stay alive in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, the 2012 Sprint Cup champion came through his series-best sixth victory of the year.

But the Hendrick Motorsports trio of Jimmie Johnson, Dale Earnhardt Jr. and Kasey Kahne all were eliminated from contention.

Kyle Busch could not recover from an early wreck and also was eliminated from the Chase.

Joey Logano, Kevin Harvick, Ryan Newman, Carl Edwards, Jeff Gordon, Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth also advanced.

Keselowski had a triumphant ending to a tumultuous week that saw him fined \$50,000 by NASCAR for his role in a fracas last week at Charlotte.

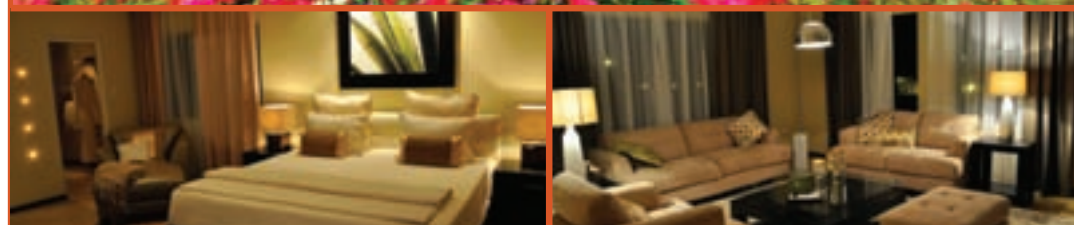
Keselowski was in a deep hole in the second segment of the Chase because of a blown tire at Kansas and then a poor race last week at Charlotte. He faded over the final two laps and forced himself into a must-win situation Sunday.

"I know there's probably some people out there that aren't really happy I won," Keselowski said. "I can understand that. But I'm a man like anyone else



J.J. Yeley (83) wrecks on the backstretch during the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series auto race at Talladega Superspeedway, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, in Talladega, Ala.

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and not real proud of last week. But I'm real proud of today."

Keselowski's win meant one driver ahead of him on points was out of the Chase. Kahne was the last one out as part of a crushing day for Hendrick.

Jeff Gordon is the lone Hendrick driver left in the Chase. Johnson failed to defend his championship, missing a chance to match Richard Petty with a seventh career title. Earnhardt won the Daytona 500 and two other races this season, putting up his best year in almost a decade and stamping himself an early championship favorite.

Not anymore.

"We'll just go and try and win some races before the year's out," Earnhardt said.

"That all we've got left." Busch was second in the points race entering Sunday and appeared in solid shape to advance until he was caught up in a what proved to be a contention-killing wreck.

Nerves were frayed at Joe Gibbs Racing following an accident with 86 laps remaining that collected Busch. The accident caused considerable damage to his Toyota and forced him to the garage for repairs.

"We are destroyed. We are absolutely killed," said

Busch, who appeared to be hit by Austin Dillon. "I got wrecked from behind. We are done."

As the JGR crew worked furiously to get him back on track, he dropped to eighth in the standings and was helpless as he waited to see if he'd fall into elimination danger.

The No. 18 returned to the track after nearly 50 minutes in the garage but it wasn't enough to salvage a Chase spot.

The drivers in danger of elimination paced the early parts of the race. Keselowski had to drop to the back of the field at the start for an unapproved change to his Ford, but he picked his way through traffic and made it to the front of the field to lead.

Johnson and Earnhardt also charged to the front, and the three drivers who needed to win tried to set the early pace of the race. Only Keselowski was where he needed to be at the end.

Johnson has to look ahead at chasing No. 7 in 2015.

"This year for sure there's disappointment," he said. "But the disappointment has been the weeks leading up to right now. We've dealt with that. You're not going to win every championship battle you go into. You'd like. ☐"



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RAMS 28, SEAHAWKS 26

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Punter Johnny Hekker's pass from the St. Louis 18 caught the Seattle Seahawks by surprise for the last of three big plays by Rams special teams.

Stedman Bailey had a 90-yard touchdown on a trick return that fooled the Seahawks into thinking another player was going to catch the punt. Benny Cunningham's 75-yard kickoff return set up an early touchdown for the Rams (2-4).

Russell Wilson rushed for 106 yards on seven carries and also passed for two touchdowns while going 23 for 36 for 313 yards.

The Seahawks (3-3) dominated statistically, outgaining the Rams 463-272. Doug Baldwin's 9-yard reception cut the deficit to two with 3:18 to go, but the Rams were able to run out the clock after Hekker's completion to Cunningham.

RAVENS 29, FALCONS 7

BALTIMORE (AP) — Elvis Dumervil and Pernell McPhee each had two sacks, part of a dominant defensive performance that carried the Ravens.

Baltimore (5-2) led 17-0 at halftime and coasted to its second straight blowout win. The Ravens beat Tampa Bay 48-17 last week.

The Falcons (2-5) averted their first shutout loss since December 2004 when Matt Ryan connected with Roddy White for a 4-yard touchdown with 7:12 remaining. It was Atlanta's first fourth-quarter score in five games.

Terrell Suggs sacked Ryan for a safety and Joe Flacco threw a 39-yard touchdown pass to Torrey Smith on a fourth-and-9 to seal Baltimore's fourth win in

five games.

The Ravens allowed only four first downs in the pivotal first half and finished with five sacks in dealing the Falcons their fourth straight defeat.

LIONS 24, SAINTS 23

DETROIT (AP) — Matthew Stafford threw two touchdown passes in the final 3:38, including the winner

touchdown and the win.

The Saints committed 12 penalties for 134 yards.

PACKERS 38, PANTHERS 17

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Aaron Rodgers threw for 255 yards and three touchdowns, and Randall Cobb torched the Carolina secondary for 121 yards on receptions.

Sure-tackling Green Bay

straight. Eddie Lacy and James Starks each added TDs rushing in the first half.

JAGUARS 24, BROWNS 6

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars are winless no more.

Denard Robinson ran for a career-high 127 yards and a touchdown, Jacksonville's defense came up big in the red zone, and the

to convert on fourth-and-1 at the 24.

Cleveland, which entered the game with the league's third-best rushing attack, was held in check most of the day. The Browns ran 30 times for 69 yards, including 36 by Ben Tate.

DOLPHINS 27, BEARS 14

CHICAGO (AP) — Ryan Tannehill threw for 277 yards and two touchdowns in an efficient performance. Tannehill connected on his first 14 passes and was 25 of 32 overall, helping Miami bounce back from a brutal 27-24 loss to Green Bay.

Lamar Miller also had a 2-yard touchdown run for the Dolphins (3-3), who had lost three of four since an opening victory over New England. The Bears (3-4) remained winless in three home games this season and have dropped five of their last seven at Soldier Field. Matt Forte scored two touchdowns and Jeremiah Ratliff finished with a career-best 3 1/2 sacks.

REDSKINS 19, TITANS 17

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Kai Forbath kicked a 22-yard field goal on the last play of the game, and Colt McCoy stepped in after Kirk Cousins was benched at halftime to lead the Redskins.

McCoy completed 11 of 12 passes for 128 yards and a touchdown in his first meaningful role in a win since Nov. 20, 2011. Back then, he led the Browns to a 14-10 victory over the Jaguars. The Redskins (2-5) snapped a four-game losing streak. The Titans fell to 2-5.

McCoy's first pass was a career-long 70-yard touchdown to Pierre Garcon after the Redskins trailed 10-6 at halftime.

Charlie Whitehurst was 17 for 26 for 160 yards with two touchdowns and one interception for the Titans. □



Atlanta Falcons cornerback Robert Alford, right, intercepts a pass intended for Baltimore Ravens wide receiver Torrey Smith in the first half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014, in Baltimore. The Ravens went on to beat the Falcons 29-7.

(AP Photo/Nick Wass)

to Corey Fuller with 1:48 remaining.

The Saints (2-4) were in control late in the fourth quarter when Stafford found Golden Tate for a 73-yard catch-and-run that made it 23-17. Then Drew Brees was intercepted on third down by Glover Quin, whose 23-yard return gave the Lions (5-2) the ball at the New Orleans 14.

Detroit caught a break when Rafael Bush was called for pass interference on fourth down. Stafford eventually connected with Fuller in the back of the end zone for a 5-yard

(5-2) limited quarterback Cam Newton in the first half. The Packers scored touchdowns on their first three series and led 28-3 at halftime, eliminating the threat of the Panthers' running game.

Newton, who had a career-high 17 carries last week, had 41 yards rushing on seven attempts. He passed for 205 yards for Carolina (3-3-1).

The Packers never looked back after Rodgers connected with Jordy Nelson for a 59-yard touchdown pass on the opening drive in winning their fourth

Jaguars snapped a nine-game losing streak with a 24-6 victory against the Cleveland Browns on Sunday.

Jacksonville (1-6) won for the first time since beating Houston on Dec. 15, 2013. Blake Bortles connected with fellow rookie Allen Robinson for a 31-yard score and the game's first touchdown. It was really all the Jaguars needed on a day in which coach Gus Bradley's defense delivered time and time again. The Browns (3-3) settled for field goals in two trips inside the 20-yard line and failed

Liverpool wins thriller in Premier League

LONDON (AP) — An incident-filled weekend in England was capped Sunday by one of the most dramatic finishes to a Premier League game, with Liverpool beating Queens Park Rangers 3-2 thanks to an own goal in the fifth minute of injury time. Another home win for Atletico Madrid kept the defending Spanish champi-

put Liverpool 1-0 ahead with his record-extending 10th own goal in the Premier League. Chile forward Eduardo Vargas equalized twice for QPR, first in the 87th minute with his first Premier League goal and again in the second minute of stoppage time with a header from a corner. That canceled out a goal from Philippe

lencia in fifth place on goal difference. Bacca recorded his team-high sixth goal of the campaign in the 59th minute. Gameiro went on in the 61st and 12 minutes later raced forward to head in Denis Suarez's well-placed cross to secure the points. Deportivo entered the round in last place after losing four straight, but it re-

defender Rafa Marques scored a comical own goal for the opener. Sampdoria remained third despite squandering a two-goal lead to draw 2-2 at Cagliari, while Palermo beat fellow promoted side Cesena 2-1. Also, Torino beat Udinese 1-0 and Atalanta defeated Parma by the same scoreline.



Queens Park Rangers' Leroy Fer, left, competes for the ball with Liverpool's Raheem Sterling during their English Premier League soccer match at Loftus Road, London, Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014.

(AP Photo/Tim Ireland)

ons in touch with Barcelona in La Liga and Marseille continues to set a fierce pace in France. Here is a look at the action from Europe's main leagues:

ENGLAND

Liverpool profited from an own goal by Steven Caulker to snatch victory at last-placed QPR after a chaotic finale at Loftus Road. Four goals were scored in a pulsating final eight minutes - the last unwittingly netted by Caulker, who turned the ball past his own goalkeeper to gift Liverpool a fortunate victory. A madcap finale began in the 67th minute when QPR defender Richard Dunne

Coutinho.

SPAIN

Sevilla scored twice in the second half to win 2-0 at Elche and rise into second place in the Spanish league after Deportivo La Coruna beat Valencia 3-0 to hand the visitor its first defeat of the season. Sevilla took control of a drab match with goals by Carlos Bacca and substitute Kevin Gameiro to move past third-place Real Madrid and Valencia and pull to within three points of leader Barcelona. Atletico Madrid brushed aside Espanyol 2-0 to extend its unbeaten home streak in the league to 24 games and sit behind Va-

lencia with goals by Lucas Perez and Jose Toche after Jose Gaya scored an own goal to stun Valencia.

ITALY

Lazio survived strong Fiorentina pressure to come away with a 2-0 victory at the Stadio Artemio Franchi for its third consecutive Serie A win. Antonio Candreva set up both goals for Filip Djordjevic and Senad Lulic as Lazio moved provisionally into sixth place, two points behind AC Milan, which won 3-1 at Hellas Verona. Keisuke Honda scored in either half to take his tally to six for the season and match Carlos Tevez as top goal scorer. Verona

Inter Milan hosts Napoli later, with Empoli visiting Genoa.

FRANCE

Striker Andre-Pierre Gignac scored his 10th league goal in as many games as league leader Marseille beat Toulouse 2-0 to secure an eighth straight win and stay seven points ahead of bitter rival Paris Saint-Germain. After center half Nicolas Nkoulou put Marseille ahead in the 21st minute with an effort that appeared to come off the top of his shoulder, Gignac made it 11 in 11 for club and country when he finished off a fine one-touch passing move in the 36th. □

AP: Serena Williams hits back at Russian official's comments

CHRIS BRUMMITT
Associated Press

SINGAPORE (AP) — Serena Williams says comments by the head of the Russian Tennis Federation referring to her and older sister Venus as "brothers" were bullying, sexist and racist, and that she supported the one-year suspension imposed by the WTA against the official. Shamil Tarpishev was also fined \$25,000 for making the comments on Russian television. He also said the sisters were "scary" to look at.

"I think the WTA did a great job of taking (the) initiative and taking immediate action to his comments," Williams said Sunday in Singapore ahead of her WTA Finals defense. "I thought they were very insensitive and extremely sexist as well as racist at the same time. I thought they were in a way bullying."

Asked whether he regretted his comments, Tarpishev told The Associated Press on Saturday at the Kremlin Cup that the program on which he spoke was "a humorous show."

When asked about his ban, Tarpishev said: "I can't comment. I don't understand it."

In a statement released later by the Russian Tennis Federation, Tarpishev denied any "malicious intent" and said his quotes had been taken out of context.

The WTA said it would seek his removal as chairman of the Kremlin Cup tournament, which ends Sunday. Russia's Maria Sharapova, also in Singapore for the WTA Finals, condemned her compatriot's comments. "I think they were very disrespectful and uncalled for, and I'm glad that many people have stood up, including the WTA. It was very inappropriate, especially in his position and all the responsibilities that he has not just in sport, but being part of the Olympic committee," she said. □

NFL drafts Microsoft for new sideline tablets

KEN BELSON

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REDMOND, Wash. - Few things are left to chance when it comes to NFL games. Strict rules govern everything from the uniforms to the referees to the condition of the field.

So when Microsoft agreed to a long-term sponsorship with the NFL last year, the company knew it would be doing business with a meticulous partner. It learned this firsthand when it developed a Surface tablet computer for players and coaches to use during games starting this season. In months of discussions with NFL teams, technology experts and the competition committee, Microsoft was told the tablets had to be rugged enough to survive drops, easy enough to use in a hurry and big enough to show its screen to several people at once. They had to work in extreme temperatures - hot and cold - resist glare and hold a battery charge for a full game, and they had to work on a secure wireless network without delays.

The cart that holds up to 16 tablets had to have strong wheels so it could be rolled onto the sideline; a tilted top to prevent cups from being left there; and a power supply, heater and cooler inside to keep the tablets performing in top shape. Microsoft insisted that the box be painted cyan, the same color as the tablet.

"We needed to make sure this can withstand the rigors of the NFL," said John Haley, the manager of one of Microsoft's development labs, as he held a small replica of the cart, made on a 3-D printer. "We tried to find a balance between weight, durability and utility."

As the NFL heads toward midseason, the toughened tablets, which download high-definition photographs of plays moments after they occur, have blended into the sidelines. But their development offers a window into the relationship between the NFL and its business partners,

particularly those vying for one of the few spots on a field that tens of millions of fans see every week.

Microsoft's relationship with

lions of Xbox One users have been able to use their consoles as set-top boxes to receive updates on their fantasy football

is one reason the NFL took in \$1.1 billion in sponsorship revenue last year. The tech giant will reportedly pay the NFL \$400 million over the five-year life of the deal, figures that Microsoft and the league would not confirm.

Whatever the number, Yusuf Mehdi, who oversees marketing and strategy for Microsoft's Devices and Studios, which includes the Xbox and the Surface, said it was money well spent.

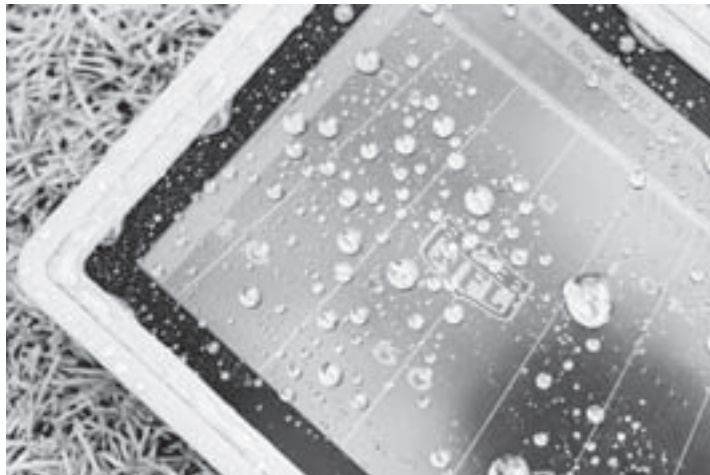
"By far, the NFL is the crown jewel of entertainment," he said while showing off the Xbox at the company's headquarters, east of Seattle. "It has that fan passion, and we have that with the Xbox. And on the sideline, it really showcases what Microsoft can do when it brings its full muscle to bear."

That muscle started wrestling a couple of years ago with how to create the "sideline of the future," said Brian Rolapp, the executive vice president of media at the NFL.

As Motorola's deal with the league was coming to a close, league officials thought about things they wanted to improve. One was the black-and-white photos taken by cameras in stadiums of every play of every game, he said. For years, assistants grabbed the photos off printers on the sideline, stuffed them into three-ring binders and gave them to coaches and players to review. But the photos were grainy and cumbersome to collate and could not be annotated.

Brian Schneider, special teams coach of the Seattle Seahawks, said he liked that the photos were delivered to his tablet in seconds because he often had to chase players running on and off the field. The clarity of the photos and the ability to zoom in help him highlight opposing teams' blocking schemes and decoys.

"It's so much clearer, you can get so much more information," Schneider said at the Seahawks' training facility. □



A Microsoft Surface tablet is tested for water resistance at the corporation's headquarters in Redmond, Wash.

(Ian C. Bates/The New York Times)



Yusuf Mehdi, who oversees marketing and strategy for Microsoft's Devices and Studios, at the corporation's headquarters in Redmond, Wash. Mehdi considers Microsoft's deal with the NFL to have its Surface tablets used on the sidelines as money well spent. "By far, the NFL is the crown jewel of entertainment," said Mehdi.

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the NFL is more complex because it is not just trying to sell tablets to consumers and football coaches; it is also trying to boost the profile of its Xbox game machines.

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teams, invitations to play the Madden video game and access to RedZone and video highlights from NFL - all while watching live games.

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Sprint cuts 452 jobs at Kansas headquarters

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas (AP) — Sprint Corp. has cut 452 jobs from its Overland Park headquarters as part of a previously announced cost-cutting effort, the nation's third-biggest cellphone carrier disclosed in a filing with the Kansas Department of Commerce.

The report, which was filed Friday, covers the first installment of layoffs planned throughout October. It doesn't cover any job losses outside the headquarters campus, although they are believed to be happening too, The Kansas City Star reports.

The company said earlier this month in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that it was cutting an unspecified number of jobs to better compete with AT&T and Verizon. Sprint said it would book a \$160 million charge in its fiscal second quarter to cover the layoffs, which include managers as well as other employees. It may take more charges for future job cuts.

Job reviews are still underway. Friday's disclosure said the local cuts were permanent and more would come.

"We anticipate additional reduction activity in the next few weeks and will provide an updated list of impacted positions," said the notice filed with the Kansas Department of Commerce.

Another 477 Sprint employees in Overland Park were laid off earlier this year, bringing this year's job cut total to 929. Many of the employees in the first round of cuts had worked at a call center that was shut down.

Before the newly disclosed layoffs, about 7,500 worked for Sprint in the Kansas City area, including some employees who weren't at the headquarters. They're among a total of about 33,000 people working for the company, down from 36,000 at the end of March and down from 38,000 at the end of last year.

Wall Street Week Ahead:

What's next after wild week for stocks?

BERNARD CONDON

AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market needs to see a therapist.

Temperamental, flighty, prone to violent mood swings, the market took investors on a wild ride this week. From one day to the next, even within a few hours, stocks swung from despair to optimism, deep losses to big gains.

The Dow Jones industrial average plummeted 460 points at one point

EU RECESSION?

Investors are afraid that Europe could slip into another recession, perhaps deeper than the one it emerged from just a year ago, and the slowdown could cut into U.S. corporate profits.

The bad news from Europe started piling up earlier this month. Germany, the region's biggest economy, said that manufacturing output fell. The International Monetary Fund cut its estimate of 2014 growth in

Fargo Securities, referring to the eurozone. "It's Germany and France, not just the periphery countries (like Greece), that are causing the damage."

Still, Vitner added, the danger to the U.S. is easy to exaggerate. He noted that the U.S. is a relatively closed economy. Only 14 percent of U.S. economic output comes from exports, one of the lowest such shares in the world.

One measure of trouble in the eurozone to watch

like travel and clothes and dinners out.

Gas at the pump has already fallen to less than \$3 a gallon in some parts of the country, noted USAA Investment Assistant Vice President John Jares in a report on Wednesday. He wrote that the drop in gas could prove a "boon to retailers" in the holiday shopping season, and cited it as one reason USAA mutual funds were buying stocks this week.

US ECONOMY

A pickup in spending would sure help calm investor nerves.

One of the triggers for the sickening 460 point drop in the Dow on Wednesday was a report showing retail sales declined 0.3 percent in September from the previous month. Purchases of autos, gasoline, furniture and clothing all slowed.

"The economy remains stuck on the same shallow growth trajectory that has been in place for the past several years," economist Steven Ricchiuto of Mizuho Securities wrote to clients shortly after the numbers came out Wednesday.

Still, it's important to put the bad news in context. The U.S. economy is in the best shape in years. Employers are hiring at the strongest pace in 15 years and most economists expect the U.S. to grow a healthy 3 percent this year and next.

Investors will get more tea leaves to read on U.S. consumers next week. Internet powerhouse Amazon.com reports earnings on Thursday and shipping giant United Parcel Service on Friday.

PROFIT PICTURE

In the end, you can talk your head off about the state of the global economy and the U.S. consumer. But the biggest driver of stocks is earnings.

Exhibit A: The blowout profits reported by General Electric and Textron on Friday, which helped propel the Standard and Poor's 500 index up 1.3 percent.



Specialists Robert Tuccillo, left, and Frank Masiello work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The market took investors on a wild ride this week. In fact, at one point on Wednesday, the Dow Jones industrial average plummeted 460 points, but pared most of those losses by the end of the trading day. Investors are now wondering what's next for the market.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

Wednesday, but pared most of those losses by the end of the trading day. On Friday, it surged 263 points. The difference between the Dow's high and the low for the week was the largest in nearly three years.

Investors seemed buffeted from every corner: Plunging oil prices, signs of a slowdown in Europe and fear of Ebola on the downside; strong corporate earnings and reassuring jobs market figures on the upside.

"We've entered a high-volatility market, and it's here to stay," said Bill Strazzullo, chief market strategist of Bell Curve Trading.

Here's a look at the factors driving the manic trading, and the outlook for this week:

the eurozone to an anemic 0.8 percent. Then came news on Tuesday that industrial production for the 18-country region plunged in August, and people really got spooked.

The Chinese economy, the world's second largest, is slowing, too.

"Can the U.S. continue to recover if the major drivers of the global economy—Europe and China—continue to struggle? I don't think so," said Bell Curve's Strazzullo. "I think we'll have subpar growth and you'll see that in the lower equity prices."

Even some optimists are worried.

"In this slowdown, it's more serious," said Mark Vitner, senior economist at Wells

is its purchasing managers' index, a broad gauge of business activity. The next reading comes out Thursday.

OIL PLUNGE

Benchmark U.S. crude closed at the \$82.75 a barrel on Friday, one its lowest prices in years. The drop has hammered energy companies this month. Two Dow members, Chevron and Exxon Mobil, have fallen 6 percent and 3 percent, respectively.

Ultimately, the drop in oil could be good for stocks, though. That's because a fall in prices means drivers will end up paying much less to fill up their tanks, leaving them more money to spend on other things,

Fidelity Investments forges alliance with low-cost player

RON LIEBER

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Betterment and FutureAdvisor have made a lot of noise in the past few years about doing things differently from old-fashioned investment firms. The pair are part of a fast-growing group of software companies that put customers in index funds or related investments and that manage their portfolios for a relatively low cost.

Fidelity Investments appears not to be taking offense. It announced last week that it would team up with Betterment and encourage Fidelity-affiliated financial advisers to use its service. The move follows a revelation this week that a firm affiliated with Fidelity's parent company invested in FutureAdvisor in May.

In making bets on two companies that compete fiercely with each other - and that take business from Fidelity's own consumer-facing online and storefront brokerage operations - the firm is acknowledging something that has become apparent to the large number of consumers who have trouble finding good investment advice at a competitive price: Many financial advisers want nothing to do with people who do not have \$500,000, \$1 million or more to manage.

By teaming up with Betterment, Fidelity hopes to give the nearly 3,000 regis-

tered investment advisers who store client money at the firm the ability to serve customers with smaller balances. Betterment would charge those customers 0.25 percent of the assets under management, would keep those assets at Better-

"Demographics are not your friend," said David E. Canter, an executive vice president with Fidelity Institutional Wealth Services, who added that the advisers the company works with have clients with an average age of 58.

In considering a partnership with a company like Betterment, however, Fidelity may have been looking to its traditional competitors, too. Vanguard is bringing new clients into its Personal Advisor Services offering, where it will manage index-

not respond to a request for an update on those plans.

"Fidelity's brothers over at Schwab, who they are trying to kill, are about to announce something similar, so the whole executive team wants something to get them into the game," said Mitch Tuchman, who runs Rebalance IRA, an investment advisory service that keeps client money at both Schwab and Fidelity and charges 0.5 percent of assets each year. "Partnering with Betterment is an easy way to do it."

Still, Betterment would have seemed an unlikely partner two years ago. That was when the company's founder and chief executive, Jon Stein, wrote a blog post - since removed from the company's website along with other older posts - with the headline "Financial Advisors Are Bad for Your Wealth." The message did not sit well with people in the industry, and Stein later explained that he had only meant to criticize old-fashioned brokers who charge sky-high fees for putting people into expensive investments but offering no financial help beyond that.

"We believe deeply in the value of advice," Stein said in an interview this week. Betterment's software performs many chores that advisers hate, like rebalancing investments when some grow too much or shrink in value. □



Bo Lu, chief executive of FutureAdvisor, at the company's offices in San Francisco. FutureAdvisor is doing things differently than traditional investment firms by placing customers in index funds or related investments and managing their portfolios for a relatively low cost.

(Thor Swift/The New York Times)

ment and would pay a fee back to Fidelity for the referral. The advisers would then presumably charge those customers more for one-on-one financial advice, with the fee set by each adviser. It remains to be seen whether this will allow advisers to provide services to more clients with smaller balances without losing money. But they may have no choice but to try.

As firms like Betterment, FutureAdvisor and Wealthfront have grown - they now manage a total of more than \$2 billion - Fidelity has received inquiries about the new players every week, Canter said. On their own, the firms could conceivably attract younger investors and keep them from ever moving on to more expensive financial advisers.

fund and similar investments and provide broader financial advice for a fee of 0.3 percent of assets each year, as long as clients have more than \$100,000 with the firm. And Charles Schwab's chief executive, Walter W. Bettinger II, told analysts in July that it was preparing a "groundbreaking and market-impacting" online-advice offering. A Schwab spokeswoman did

Varied paths in life after Galleon, but few led to success

ANITA RAGHAVAN

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Leon Shaulov, a senior portfolio manager at the Galleon Group, was preparing for the stock market to open on Oct. 16, 2009, when word spread that the firm's founder, the hedge fund giant Raj Rajaratnam, had been arrested on insider trading charges.

Within a week, the firm's more than 100 survivors faced a stark reality: Galleon was effectively out of business. Employees were handed separation agreements to sign and were told by Richard Schutte,

the firm's president, that there was no need for them to come to the office anymore.

Finding a job on Wall Street was tough after the financial crisis and next to impossible if your résumé included a line that said "Galleon." Even now, five years after the arrest of Rajaratnam, who is serving an 11-year sentence for trading on inside information, former Galleon portfolio managers and traders are bitter about the experience. And some who worked at Galleon for only a short time are so worried

about the taint that they have expunged mention of it from their résumés.

"These are years of my life I am not getting back," said one former Galleon portfolio manager. "Even today, it impacts my professional life. A year ago, when I was going and interviewing, Galleon was a stopper."

A few Galleon portfolio managers, like Peter Swartz, who managed a small portfolio of technology stocks and had worked at other firms before joining Galleon, were able to find jobs in the industry. Swartz joined the Fortress

Investment Group several months after leaving Galleon and is a portfolio manager in its Asian Macro fund.

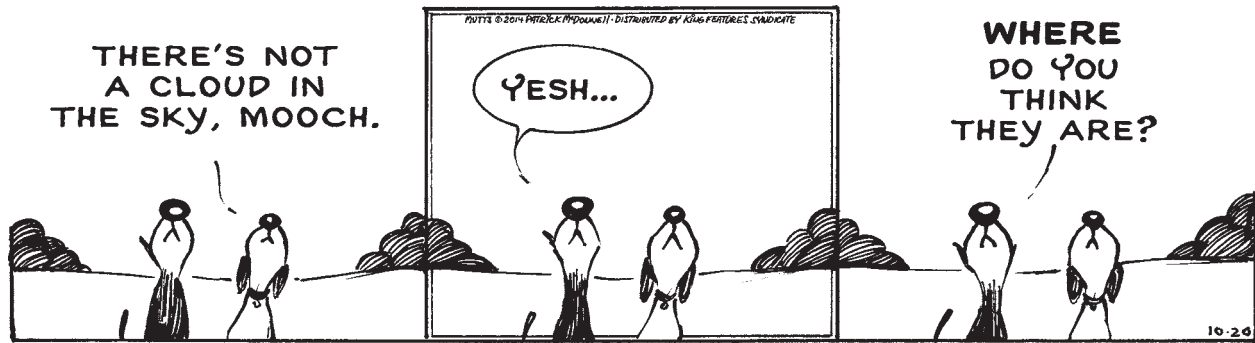
But many other Galleon executives followed the path that Shaulov took, with varying degrees of success.

In 2010, Shaulov, who was a senior portfolio manager of the Galleon Buccaneer's fund, started his own hedge fund, Maplelane Capital, with less than \$50 million, mostly from his personal savings. Shaulov's trading prowess helped him grow. Though he start-

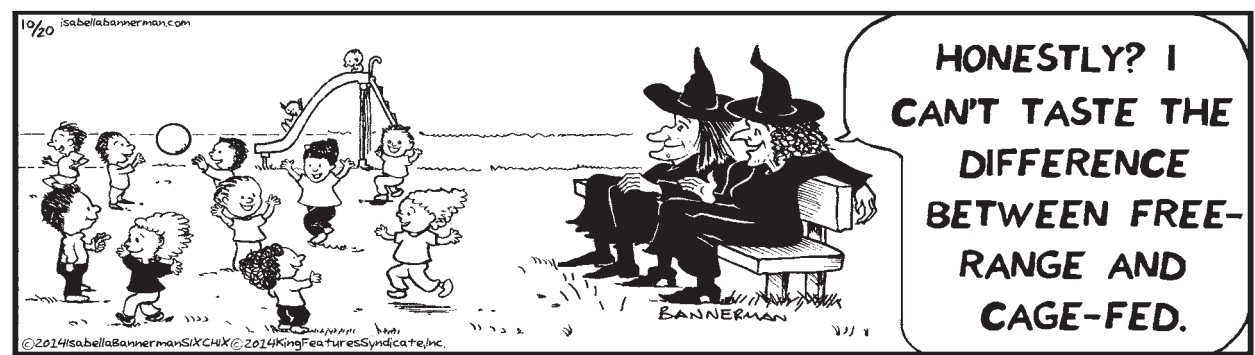
ed small, he now manages about \$500 million in assets. He deploys the money he runs in a smattering of stocks, including Galleon's specialty, technology stocks. Regardless of whether they were prosecuted, "anybody involved was affected by Galleon," said one former employee who was never charged with wrongdoing, but was swept up in the early new reports about the government's investigation.

"Other than Leon, nobody is in a better place," another said, referring to Shaulov. □

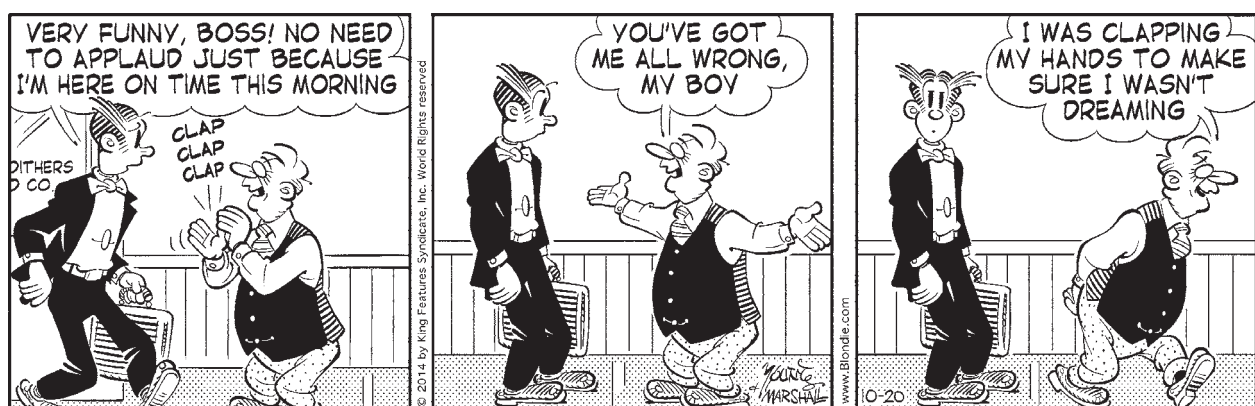
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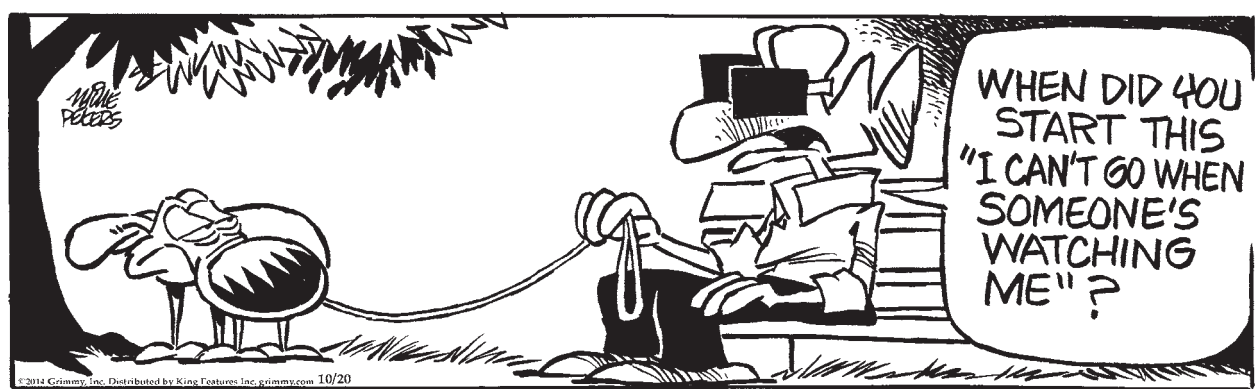
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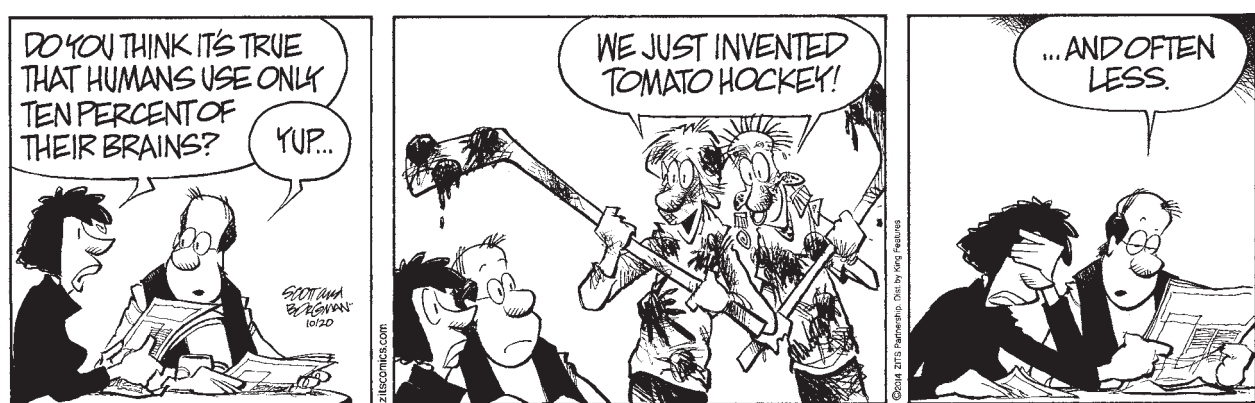
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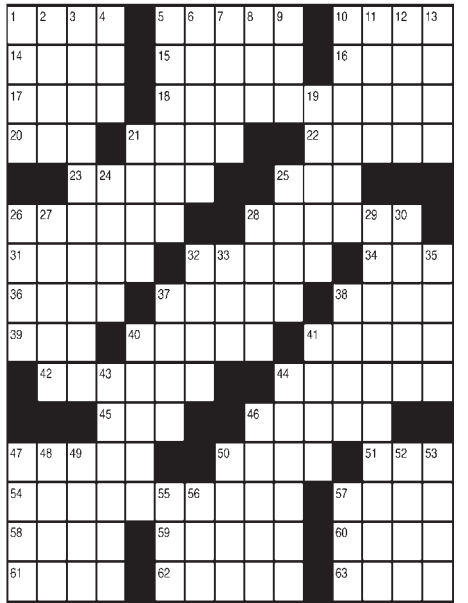
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Saturday's puzzle answer

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- 1 ___ a test; passes easily
- 5 Shovel
- 10 "The ___ Reaper"; death
- 14 Scorch
- 15 Leg bone
- 16 Rajah's wife
- 17 Throw
- 18 Santa Anita and Pimlico
- 20 Secret agent
- 21 Bowler's target
- 22 Deep hole
- 23 Military gunfire salute
- 25 Lubricate
- 26 False
- 28 Deadly snakes
- 31 Standards
- 32 "Blue ___"; song for Irving Berlin
- 34 Samuel's teacher
- 36 Mothers of fawns
- 37 Appears
- 38 Family reunion group
- 39 3/5 and 2/5
- 40 Signifies
- 41 Horse riders' sword fight
- 42 Leisurely walk
- 44 Head ___; boss
- 45 ___ the time; constantly
- 46 Lift with effort
- 47 Make points
- 50 Plant with fronds
- 51 As busy ___ bee
- 54 Walker
- 57 Nylon mishap
- 58 Finds a total
- 59 Use a loom
- 60 Pinnacle
- 61 Examination
- 62 ___ for; chose
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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- 57 Observed

DOWN

- 1 Plays a role
- 2 ___ suey;
- 3 On ___; living the good life

On the road to find the world's funniest person

JOHN ROGERS
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It was last summer and Israeli-Palestinian tensions were at the highest they'd been in some time when Jamie Masada hit on a formula for world peace: Forget about guns and bombs, and just tell jokes to each other.

The onetime stand-up comic is, after all, the owner of the venerable Hollywood nightclub The Laugh Factory, so the idea wasn't unfamiliar. Still, it's one thing to get a liquored-up audience laughing at lines like, "Take my mother-in-law — please."

It's another to bring people from across the world who dislike each other together — and hope they will laugh at each other. And yet, that's what he's trying to do with what he calls the first Funniest Person in the World competition.

Masada has scoured comedy festivals from Afghanistan to South Korea and Egypt to Israel for candidates and had online voters winnow the list to 10 semi-finalists who would perform at the Laugh Factory and before a worldwide Internet audience on Monday.

After online voters narrow the list to five, the finalists will travel to the Laugh Factory's sister club in Las Vegas. There, following another competition and vote, the winner will be crowned on Friday, Oct. 24, United Nations Day.

"It might sound stupid," Masada says. "But some people, they sit down, they break bread together, they never hurt each other. Some people, they sit down, they laugh together, they never hurt each other."

He says he has already seen the approach work — at least on a small scale. During the latest Palestinian-Israeli tensions, Masada, an Iranian-born Jew, got the idea of defusing them for at least one night by hosting a comedy exhibition featuring locally popular Jewish comedians



sharing the stage with their Muslim counterparts.

The idea was that both sides would get together and learn a little something about each other. Instead, both sides gathered on opposite ends of the club and engaged in an unnerving stare down that prompted Masada to star the show early. Sunda Croonquist, a black, Orthodox Jew who lives in Beverly Hills, opened things by pointing out to the audience that white people frequently mistake her for Puerto Rican: "I tell them there are two groups of people who know that I'm black."

"Other black people and the Beverly Hills Police Department," she said.

Soon jokes were flying about wearing a keffiyeh, an Arab headdress, to an airport and watching people cower in fear. Or of mischievous Muslims who crank up Persian music on the car stereo because they have found it frightens white drivers even more than hip-hop.

And, suddenly, both sides were laughing.

"At the end of the night they were hugging each other," Croonquist marveled, and Masada was off in search of the world's funniest person.

Some suggested he might save time simply by putting in calls to people like Dave Chappelle, Jay Leno or numerous others who have headlined The Laugh Factory over the past 35 years. But Masada was having none of that.

The comedy impresario wanted an Olympics-style competition, and even if the contestants weren't strictly amateurs — which they aren't in the Olympics, anyway — they would be from all over the world. □

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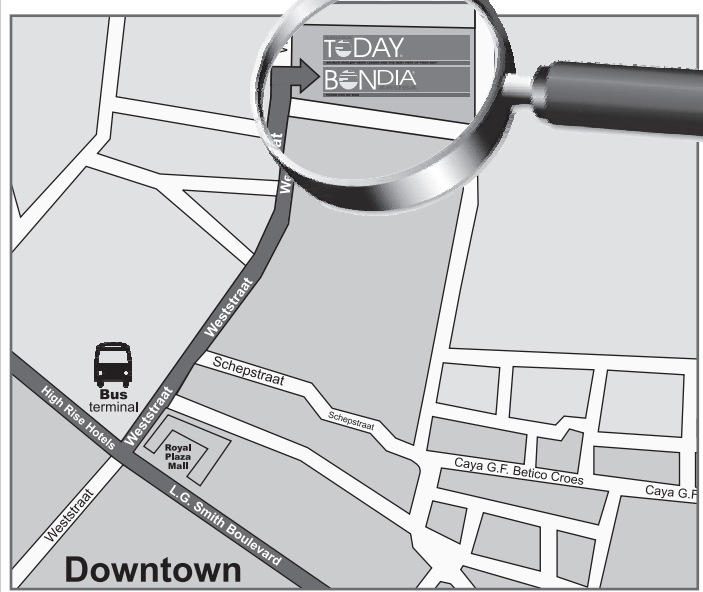
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Biofuel companies look beyond the gas tank

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When it comes to the future of advanced biofuel production, Abengoa Bioenergy, the Spanish company whose \$500 million plant in Hugoton, Kansas, is opening Friday, has just one word: plastics.

For many of the companies opening big new biofuel plants in the Midwest, executives are shifting their focus to replacing petroleum not only in the gas tank but elsewhere as well. In Abengoa's case, a big target is plastic bottles.

"There really is a huge upside potential in the nonfuel side of the business," said Chris Standlee, executive vice president of global affairs at the company. "Hugoton is the step that allows us to move on to some of these other things."

Other companies are joining in. DuPont, which is developing a plant in Nevada, Iowa, said it had reached a deal with Procter & Gamble to funnel some of its ethanol into Tide Cold Water laundry detergent.

And companies using oth-

er technologies are pursuing similar paths. Under an agreement with Unilever, for instance, Solazyme, which uses microalgae to produce oils, is making ingredients for Lux soaps.

The ethanol companies are still relying on the fuels business for much of their sales. Of the roughly 25 million gallons of ethanol Abengoa plans to produce from agricultural waste - mainly the nonedible parts of corn plants - it will most likely sell the bulk to California, where a low-carbon fuel mandate is creating a stronger market for clean fuels. Since its technology can also transform municipal solid waste to fuel, Standlee said, the company could open plants outside of the heartland.

But ethanol demand is limited, and it has turned out to be much more complicated and expensive than expected to develop biofuel from cellulosic biomass like plant residue, wood chips and municipal solid waste. So despite millions in government grants and tax subsidies, many companies

that first aimed to make renewable fuel are also looking to make products and chemicals for which they can reap a higher price.

Abengoa plans to pursue supplying plastic for bottles, something beverage companies have been seeking

ment, whose aim was to ignite the development of clean fuels, said Wallace E. Tyner, a professor of agricultural economics at Purdue. But the energy market may not be ready.

"Today, if you want to build a plant economically, it

the companies who are investing in these plants are learning a lot. Some of them - many of them, maybe - are going to fail. But maybe some of them who are making higher value products will learn enough that they can more efficiently get some fuels out of it too."

On Friday, Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz helped dedicate the Abengoa plant and said he remained committed to supporting the development of clean fuels.

Ethanol operators have faced a shifting landscape in recent years. The market for ethanol to be used in vehicle fuels is saturated, analysts say, and the industry is waiting on a long-delayed decision by the Environmental Protection Agency on whether to cut the amount required to be blended into the fuels by more than 40 percent. On top of this, technical challenges remain.

Still, major plants, representing hundreds of millions in investment, continue to come online.



Ernest Moniz, center, the U.S. Secretary of Energy, and Manuel Sanchez Ortega, second from right, chief executive of Abengoa Bioenergy, tour the company's first commercial-scale ethanol plant in Hugoton, Kan., Oct. 17, 2014. Many companies opening new biofuel plants in the Midwest are already shifting their focus away from the gas tank — Abengoa plans to pursue supplying plastic for bottles.

(Abengoa via The New York Times)

to help bolster their green credentials, Mr. Standlee said.

This direction poses a problem for the Energy Depart-

ment, doesn't work unless you can get a decent amount of higher value product in the product stream," he said. "You would hope that

Texas plant to capture, and then reuse, carbon

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Amid the calls to capture carbon to save the climate, a Texas company is preparing to do that job for profit. At Capitol Aggregates, a cement plant near San Antonio, Skyonic Corp. of Austin, plans to open a \$125 million factory next week that will make industrial chemicals.

Instead of mining natural deposits of carbon found underground, the plant will

capture the carbon emitted from making cement - a rich source - and use it to produce chemicals like sodium bicarbonate and hydrochloric acid by reacting it with rock salt.

"They're on to something," said Victor K. Der, an adviser to the Global CSS Institute, a nonprofit group that advocates carbon capture and storage as well as reuse.

"Carbon reuse is the holy grail," he said. "If they can



A Skyonic plant near San Antonio where chemicals emitted in the creation of cement will be captured and used in other products. The \$125 million facility will produce chemicals like sodium bicarbonate and hydrochloric acid.

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make it work as a business proposition, sure, why not?" Der, a former official in the fossil energy program at

the Energy Department, said that cement plants were a virtually free source of carbon dioxide. But the

effectiveness of the technique will be limited by the size of the market for the products, Der said.



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'Fury' explodes to top of weekend box office

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AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The bloody World War II drama "Fury" blew past "Gone Girl" at theaters this weekend.

"Gone Girl" was tops at the box office for two weeks before Brad Pitt and his rag-tag group of tank mates in "Fury" blasted the film to second place. Sony's "Fury" captured \$23.5 million in ticket sales during its opening weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. Fox's "Gone Girl" followed with \$17.8 million. The week's top two films are R-rated adult dramas, followed by two PG family films.

"The fall movie season is all about making the transition from the PG-13 world of summer to the R-rated, edgier world of the fall and awards season," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak.

The animated Fox feature "The Book of Life" opened in third place with \$17 million, followed by Disney's "Alexander and the Ter-

rible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" with \$12 million.

"We're now in full adult movie-going season and

we'll see a lot more adult-skewing fare," said Fox distribution chief Chris Aronson, who added that the colorful "Book of Life" suits

any audience.

Another new film rounds out the top five: Relativity's Nicholas Sparks romance "The Best of Me," starring Michelle Monaghan and James Marsden, debuted with \$10.2 million.

"Birdman," the Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu drama starring Michael Keaton, opened in just four theaters and boasted a per-screen average of \$103, 750. It opens in additional locations next week.

Overall box office is up almost 25 percent from the same weekend last year, Dergarabedian said, and the strong fall showing at cinemas is making up for a year-to-date box-office deficit that dropped from 6 percent to 4 percent in the last month.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.



This photo released by Sony Pictures Entertainment shows, from left, Shia LaBeouf as Boyd "Bible" Swan, Logan Lerman as Norman, Brad Pitt as Sgt. Don "Wardaddy" Collier, Michael Pena as Trini "Gordo" Garcia, and Jon Bernthal as Grady "Coon-Ass" Travis, in Columbia Pictures' "Fury."

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Owner Benjamin Petrocchi

Improv group takes urban-style riffs to TV

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NEW YORK (AP) — As a Tony-winning composer and writer, Lin-Manuel Miranda sees nothing of spending five years writing a show, or months on just a few lines of dialogue.

And then there's his other outlet: Coming up with a rap routine — or maybe a skit, or poignant love song — within a couple of seconds, based on words tossed out by a crowd that's expecting brilliance. The pressure of having to come up instantaneously with a rhymed riff on the



Tony-winning composer and writer, Lin-Manuel Miranda, seated center, performs at Pivot's Freestyle Love Supreme in New York. The group has taped 10 episodes of "Freestyle Love Supreme" for Pivot, the cable network catering to millennials, otherwise known as the 18-34 demographic.

(AP Photo/Pivot, Jason DeCrow)

subject of, say, Greek yogurt, or trigonometry, or customer service operators, would probably cause heart palpitations in most of us, or at least hives.

But Miranda, 34, who's known as a whirlwind of precocious creative energy (he wrote the first draft of his Tony-winning "In the Heights" as an undergrad at Wesleyan), actively seeks that kind of pressure, as do his fellow "freestylers" in Freestyle Love Supreme. The group's been at it for a decade now, amassing a cult following for their rollicking (and often gleefully profane) shows at comedy clubs, colleges and festivals.

Now they have a TV show. The group has taped 10 episodes of "Freestyle Love Supreme" for Pivot, the cable network catering to millennials, otherwise known as the 18-34 demographic. The half-hour episodes mix footage from live shows with quirky scenes from the streets of New York. The series debuted Friday, Oct. 17 and episodes will be available on iTunes.

At a typical performance, the seven-member group — including an expert beat-boxer and a keyboard musician — asks the crowd for words to riff on, the raunchier the better. Or, the audience is asked for examples of things they don't like. For example: Movie spoilers. Here's what Miranda did recently with

that one:

"Saturday night at the movies, it's so intense; We're sitting there watching 'The Sixth Sense'; I'm trying not to pay attention to what my friend said; He turns and says 'Can you believe Bruce Willis is dead?'"

Another feature is called "Second Chance," where someone in the crowd describes a mistake they made (like texting a nasty message about someone to that very person, oops!). The troupe does a lengthy skit, in rap, showing the mistake, and then "rewinds" to give the perpetrator a shot at redemption. Sometimes they'll ask for a couple in love.

When two teachers in the audience professed their love in one episode, the group sang about how their initial "correspondence" led to a "teacher-teacher conference." Wink wink.

The group got going in 2004, connected, often, by the schools they attended or by "In the Heights," or both. Anthony "Two Touch" Veneziale, a co-creator of the group with Thomas Kail, attended Wesleyan; Arthur "Arthur the Geniuses" Lewis, musician and "tech nerd," has known Miranda since third grade at Hunter College Elementary School. Musician Bill Sherman also went to Wesleyan; singer/actor Chris "CJack" Jackson starred in "In the Heights." □

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A Pump War?



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Is it just my imagination or is there a global oil war underway pitting the United States and Saudi Arabia on one side against Russia and Iran on the other? One can't say for sure whether the American-Saudi oil alliance is deliberate or a coincidence of interests, but, if it is explicit, then clearly we're trying to do to President Vladimir Putin of Russia and Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, exactly what the Americans and Saudis did to the last leaders of the Soviet Union: Pump them to death - bankrupt them by bringing down the price of oil to levels below what both Moscow and Tehran need to finance their budgets.

Think about this: four oil producers - Libya, Iraq, Nigeria and Syria - are in turmoil today, and Iran is hobbled by sanctions. Ten years ago, such news would have sent oil prices soaring. But today, the opposite is happening. Global crude oil prices have been falling for weeks, now resting around \$88 - after a long stretch at \$105 to \$110 a barrel.

The price drop is the result of economic slowdowns in Europe and China, combined with the U.S. becoming one of the world's biggest oil producers - thanks to new technologies enabling the extraction of large amounts of "tight oil" from shale - combined with America starting to make exceptions and allowing some of its newfound oil products to be exported, combined with Saudi Arabia refusing to cut back its production to keep prices higher, but choosing instead to maintain its market share against other OPEC producers. The net result has been to make life difficult for Russia and Iran, at a time when Saudi Arabia and America are confronting both of them in a proxy war in Syria. This is business, but it also has the feel of war by other means: oil.

The Russians have noticed. How could they not? They've seen this play before. The Russian newspaper Pravda published an article on April 3 with the headline, "Obama Wants Saudi Arabia to Destroy Russian Economy." It said: "There is a precedent [for] such joint action that caused the collapse of the USSR. In 1985, the Kingdom dramatically increased oil production from 2 million to 10 million barrels per day, dropping the price from \$32 to \$10 per barrel. [The] USSR began selling some batches at an even lower price, about \$6 per barrel. Saudi Arabia [did not lose] anything, because when prices fell by 3.5 times [Saudi] production increased fivefold. The planned economy of the Soviet Union

was not able to cope with falling export revenues, and this was one of the reasons for the collapse of the USSR."

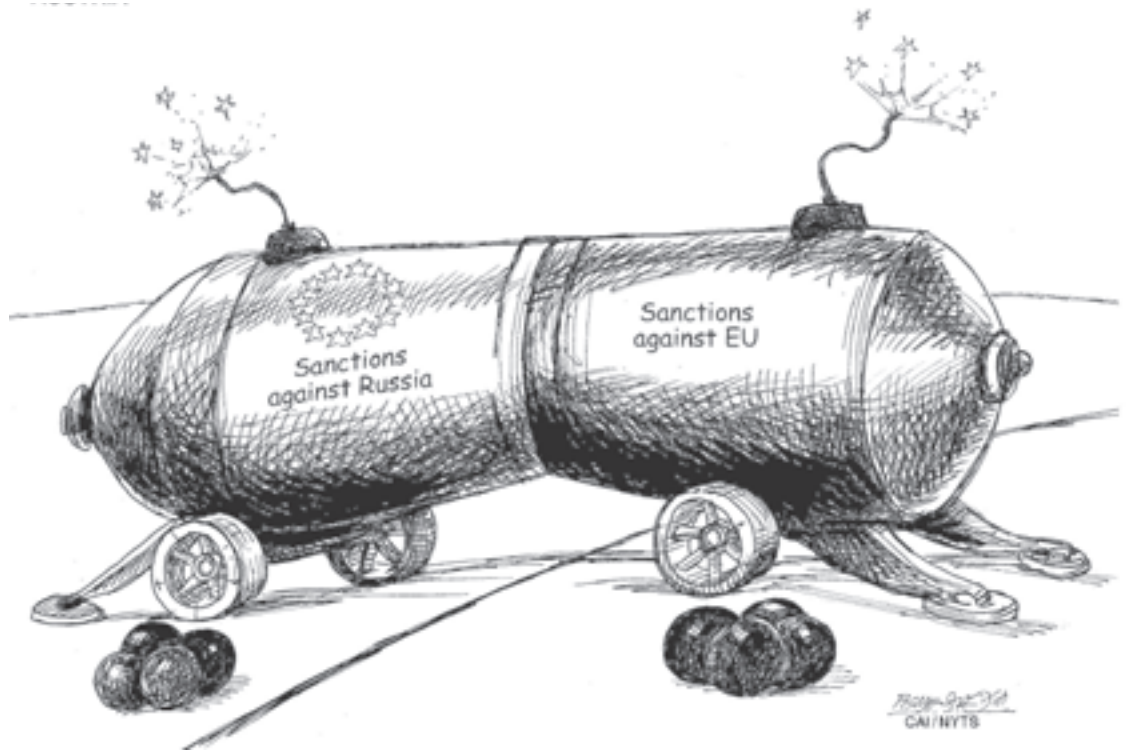
Indeed, the late Yegor Gaidar, who between 1991 and 1994 was Russia's acting prime minister, observed in a Nov. 13, 2006, speech that: "The timeline of the collapse of the Soviet Union can be traced to Sept. 13, 1985. On this date, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the minister of oil of Saudi Arabia, declared that the monarchy had decided to alter its oil policy radically. The Saudis stopped protecting oil prices. ... During the next six months, oil production in Saudi Arabia increased fourfold, while oil prices collapsed. ... The Soviet Union lost approximately \$20 billion per year, money without which the country simply could not survive."

Neither Moscow nor Tehran will collapse tomorrow. And if oil prices fall below \$70 you will see a drop in U.S. production, as some exploration won't be cost effective, and prices could firm up. But have no doubt, this price falloff serves U.S. and Saudi strategic interests and it harms Russia and Iran. Oil export revenues account for about 60 percent of Iran's government revenues and more than half of Russia's.

The price decline is no accident. In an Oct. 3 article in The Times, Stanley Reed noted that the sharp drop in oil prices "was seen as a response to Saudi Arabia's signaling ... to the markets that it was more interested in maintaining market share than in defending prices. Saudi Aramco, the national oil company, stunned markets by announcing that it was cutting prices by about \$1 a barrel to Asia, the crucial growth market for the Persian Gulf producers, as well as by 40 cents a barrel to the United States." The Times also noted that with America now producing so much more oil and gas, "net oil imports to the United States have fallen since 2007 by 8.7 million barrels a day, 'roughly equivalent to total Saudi and Nigerian exports,' according to a recent Citigroup report."

This resource abundance comes at a time when we've also hit a "gusher" of energy technology in Silicon Valley, which is supplying us with unprecedented gains in energy efficiency and productivity, savings that may become as impactful as shale in determining our energy security and global strength. Google, through Nest, and Apple through coding in the iPhone software, are making it easier for average Americans to manage and save energy at home or work.

Bottom line: The trend line for petro-dictators is not so good. America today has a growing advantage in what the former Assistant Energy Secretary Andy Karsner calls "the three big C's: code, crude and capital." If only we could do tax reform, and replace payroll and corporate taxes with a carbon tax, we'd have a formula for resiliency and success far better than any of our adversaries. □



Potlatch For American Politicians



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An editor with multiple graduate degrees once called me up with a story idea hatched among fellow trend-sniffers in Manhattan.

"Indians," he said, with practiced urgency. "Something's going on with American Indians. Look into it and tell me what you think."

Dutifully, I reported back that the first Americans were still poor, still forgotten, still there - albeit with casinos and better lobbyists in Washington. The forgotten part applies especially at elections, given that natives who list themselves as "Indian alone" on the census form make up less than 1 percent of the total U.S. population.

But - news alert! - with barely two weeks to go until the midterm federal election, the most underrepresented people in the country could be the kingmakers for control of the Senate. Let us pause for the cynical voice of an Indian friend who thinks that elections don't matter.

"Democrats, Republicans, they're all white to me," he says. Still, the fact that all the money and manipulations of the Koch brothers could be undone by a handful of native voters living in some of the poorest and most remote parts of the land is a tribute to our teetering democracy. More time has been wasted defending the name of the Washington Professional Football Team than has ever

been spent discussing tribal sovereignty or how the modern diet is killing too many natives. Yet now, important-sounding people have been forced to learn a phrase in Yup'ik, or find Shannon County, South Dakota, on a map.

The Senate, by design, is unrepresentative. Why should Wyoming have as many senators as California, which has more than 60 times the population? That design also means that people in crowded states occasionally have to feign concern for residents in wide-open spaces.

Thus we find ourselves in Alaska and South Dakota, where the native vote could be the only thing that stands in the way of a Republican-controlled Senate. Alaska voters, though quirky and contrarian no matter what the race, seem poised to give the Republican Dan Sullivan the seat now held by the Democrat Mark Begich. Except typically, the polls are more misleading in the Last Frontier than a fish finder's sonar in a bathtub.

Only about 250,000 people are expected to vote there. Of those, almost 1 in 5 has some Alaska Native or Indian blood - the highest percentage of any state. Begich has been feverishly working native villages in advance of the state's two weeks of early voting. If the race is a nail-biter, look for late returns from, say, Kotzebue, an Inupiat town on a gravel spit 33 miles north of the Arctic Circle, to decide the winner.

In South Dakota, Native Americans are the largest single minority group, and they tend to vote Democratic. In a three-way race, heavy turnout on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation might be enough to prevent the fading Republican front-runner, Mike Rounds, from picking up the seat. Tribal elections are the same day, as is a ballot measure to change the name of Shannon County, which is more than 90 percent Indian, to Oglala Lakota County. In 2012, the tribes of North Dakota provided the winning margin for

the Democrat Heidi Heitkamp, who won her Senate seat by just more than 4,000 votes.

"The candidate who learns best how to ask Indians for their votes could be the winner," Indian Country Today, the national tribal paper, reported this week in a story on South Dakota.

What no vote can change are the woeful conditions in many parts of Indian country. Suicide, substance abuse and chronic unemployment are the scourges of many tribal homelands. Half the people in Shannon County live below the poverty level.

Depressing, yes. So what we talk about when we talk about Indians seldom gets beyond caricature. On the left, measures like Seattle's new designation of the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day is the kind of empty, feel-good measure that sets up a comically liberal city council for mockery. It's not a real holiday, just enough of one to insult Italian-Americans who feel slighted at the dis of Christopher Columbus.

On the right, there is a hysterical fear of granting Indians any real power. So the Violence Against Women Act almost didn't make it through renewal last year because Republicans didn't want to allow tribes to prosecute non-Indians who assaulted Indians in Indian country.

Obamacare is a pundit's punching bag in much of the country. But on reservations, it has made a life-or-death difference for thousands of people whose health has been improved by some of the law's lesser-known provisions.

At the center of most questions in the native world is a construct that Americans often forget or ignore: nations within a nation. Tribes point to their treaties that grant a degree of sovereignty, signed by long-dead presidents, backed by Supreme Court decisions. If they can get a politician to understand that at election time, it's a minor victory. □

Israel raises the dead with skyward cemetery

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PETAH TIKVA, Israel (AP) — At first glance, the multi-tiered jungle of concrete off a major central Israeli highway does not appear unusual in this city of bland high-rises. But the burgeoning towers are groundbreaking when you consider its future tenants: They will be homes not for the living but rather the dead. With real estate at a premium, Israel is at the forefront of a global movement building vertical cemeteries in

one on top of the other, then we can die one on top of the other."

The Yarkon Cemetery on the outskirts of Tel Aviv has been his flagship project. As the primary cemetery for the greater Tel Aviv area, its traditional burial grounds are at near capacity with 110,000 graves stretched across 150 acres. But thanks to an array of 30 planned vertical structures, Sagiv said the cemetery will be able to provide 250,000 more graves without gobbling up any more land, providing

Memorial Necropole Ecu-
menica in Santos, Brazil. In Tokyo, the Kouanji is a six-story Buddhist temple where visitors can use a swipe card to have the remains of their loved ones brought to them from vaults on a conveyor belt system. Versions of stacked cemeteries already exist in some shape or form in places like New Orleans and across Europe, in Egypt's Mountain of the Dead, in China and in the amphitheater-like Pok Fu Lam Rd Cemetery in Hong Kong. But the future will likely look

die each year. The first space-saving option is to put graves on top of each other — separated by a concrete divider — and have a shared headstone. This is common among couples and even whole families, and every new pit dug in Israel has room for at least two graves in it. The second option is stacking the dead above ground into niches built into walls, a bit like in a morgue, but adorned with headstones. The third, and most revolutionary option, is to be buried in

columns so that each layer is still connected to the ground. In many ways, Ruza said the new types of burial represent a return to the Holy Land's ancient origins of burying inside caves and catacombs.

"This is an artificial cave," he said. "Once they used to build a cave into a mountain. Now we are taking these artificial caves and turning them into a mountain."

Jerusalem's burial society even has plans to dig an actual underground cave to find more room for the dead.

Proponents say the new system is more sustainable, environmentally friendly and user friendly — providing a more comfortable visiting experience.

But resistance has emerged from a public wary of change. In one famous case, a bereaved family threatened a cemetery official that if their loved one was put in a wall they'd put the official in a wall too.

Shmuel Slavin, a former director-general of Israel's Finance Ministry who put together a report on the country's burial crisis, said there is no reason for such an emotionally fraught overhaul of an ancient tradition. He believes there is enough space in outlying areas, such as the vast Negev Desert in southern Israel, to build new cemeteries. He said technological advances could allow more burials in existing cemeteries, and that the new "dead cities" will be expensive to build and maintain.

But the bottom line, he said, was that people just don't want to be buried that way. "People don't want to hear about it," he said. "There is a matter of tradition here. People want to be buried like their parents."

Officials say those who insist on traditional burial will still have that option; they'll just have to drive a little further and pay for it. Cemeteries, they say, are not designed for the dead but rather for the living who want to visit them. The hope is that by attending funerals, people will be exposed to the new system and learn to appreciate its upside. Either way, burial officials say a growing number of people understand that change is inevitable. "We are all in favor of burying in the open field so long as it does not infringe on our lives. So if there is no more room to build homes in Jerusalem, I prefer burying in layers," said Chananya Shahor, manager of the Jerusalem burial society. "God gave us land for living, not for dying." □



A Lebanese man, center, walks between graves at the overcrowded Bashoura cemetery for Muslim Sunnis in Beirut, Lebanon. The congested city of more than one million is cramped with cemeteries wedged into residential areas, increasingly forcing families to bury several members of the same family in one grave. Available land plots are extremely scarce and what is left is being used by developers to build luxury officers towers and apartments. (AP Photo/Hussein Malla)

densely populated countries. From Brazil to Japan, elevated cemeteries, sometimes stretching high into the sky, will be the final resting place for thousands of people. They are now the default option for the recently departed in the Holy Land.

After some initial hesitations, and rabbinical rulings that made the practice kosher, Israel's ultra-Orthodox burial societies have embraced the concept as the most effective Jewish practice in an era when most of the cemeteries in major population centers are packed full.

"The source of all this is that there is simply no room," said Tuvia Sagiv, an architect who specializes in dense burial design. "It's unreasonable that we will live one on top of the other in tall apartment buildings and then die in villas. If we have already agreed to live

the region with 25 years of breathing room.

"It takes some getting used to," he admitted, as he stood on the roof of the first completed 70-foot-high (22-meter-high) building, "but it just makes the most sense."

For now, the interior of the gray buildings looks mainly like a construction site. They feature circular ramps, and a terrace-like facade with vegetation. Each floor has openings on the sides for fresh air to get in.

Cemetery overcrowding presents a challenge the world over, particularly in cramped cities and among religions that forbid or discourage cremation. The reality of relying on finite land resources to cope with the endless stream of the dying has brought about creative solutions.

The world's tallest existing cemetery is the 32-story high

more like the ambitious plan of Norwegian designer Martin McSherry for an airy cemetery skyscraper that looks like a gigantic honeycomb with triangular caverns.

Other plans for cemetery towers have been presented for Paris and Mumbai. In Mexico City, another big project has been proposed: the Tower for the Dead, which will combine a vertical necropolis and an 820-foot-deep (250-meter-deep) subterranean complex. In China, Beijing residents have been provided subsidies to buy space in vertical cemeteries.

But only in Israel does the phenomenon appear to be part of a government-backed master plan. Aside from those who have already purchased their future plots, individual outdoor graves are no longer offered to the families of the more than 35,000 Israelis who

a building where each floor resembles a traditional cemetery, without the blue sky above.

For this upheaval to take off in Israel, though, the blessing of the rabbis was needed. Israel's rabbinical authorities oversee all burials of Jewish Israelis.

The Jewish burial ritual is based on the passage in Genesis in which God banishes Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden: "For dust you are — and to dust you shall return." Jewish law stipulates that all bodies be buried separately on a layer of dust and earth.

Yaakov Ruza, the rabbi of the Tel Aviv burial society, a semiofficial organization that oversees Jewish burials, said the new forms of burial have been endorsed by leading Jewish ultra-Orthodox figures. The towers, for instance, have pipes filled with dirt inside their